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AFROTC Detachment 450

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Agenda

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- **AFROTC Program Overview**
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AFROTC Detachment 450

MAS Department Faculty & AFROTC Det 450 By The Numbers

AFROTC Detachment 450 Faculty

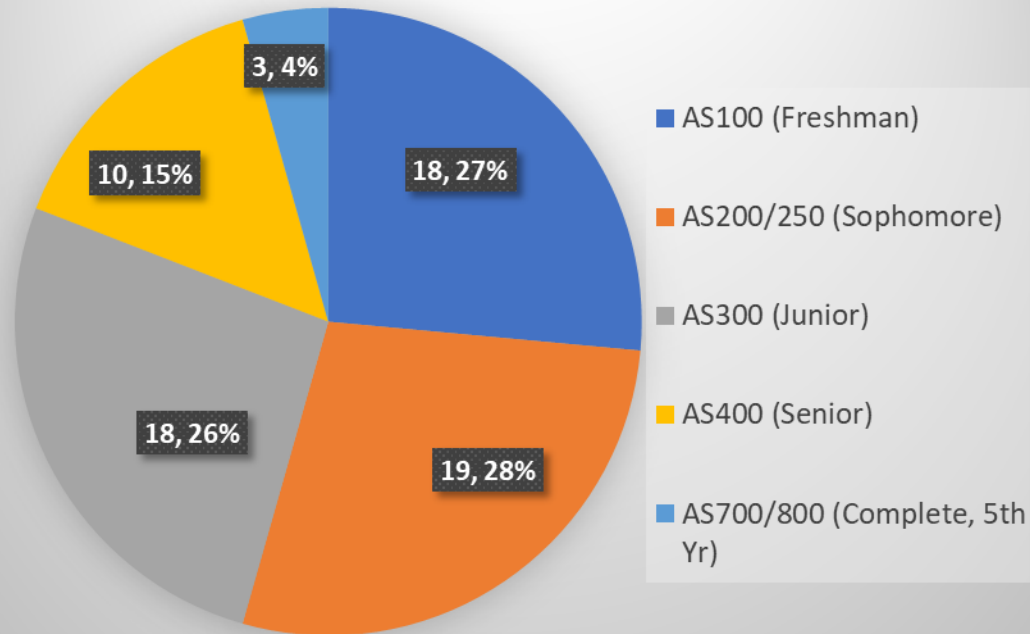
- **7 Member Cadre**
 - 4 active-duty officers (Pilot, Missileer, Security Forces, Acquisitions)
 - 2 active-duty enlisted (Aircraft Maintenance / Manpower, Admin)
 - 1 MSU Program Coordinator (Air Force Veteran)



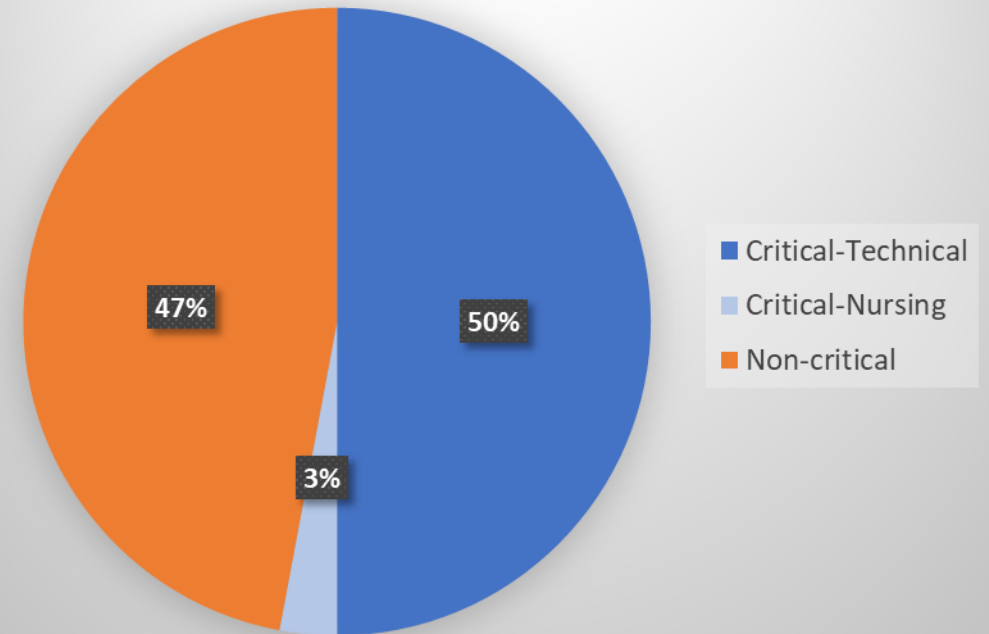
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By The Numbers

Active Cadets, Spring 2025



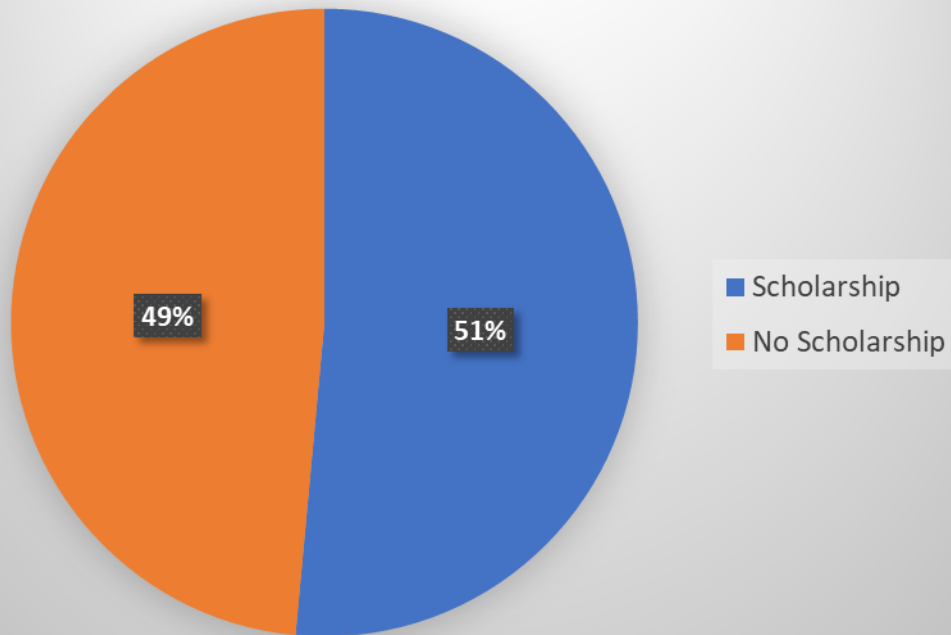
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By The Numbers

Det 450 AFROTC Scholarship Status



Scholarship by AY



AFROTC Program Overview

USAF & USSF Commissioning Sources, GMC, POC, Cadet Opportunities

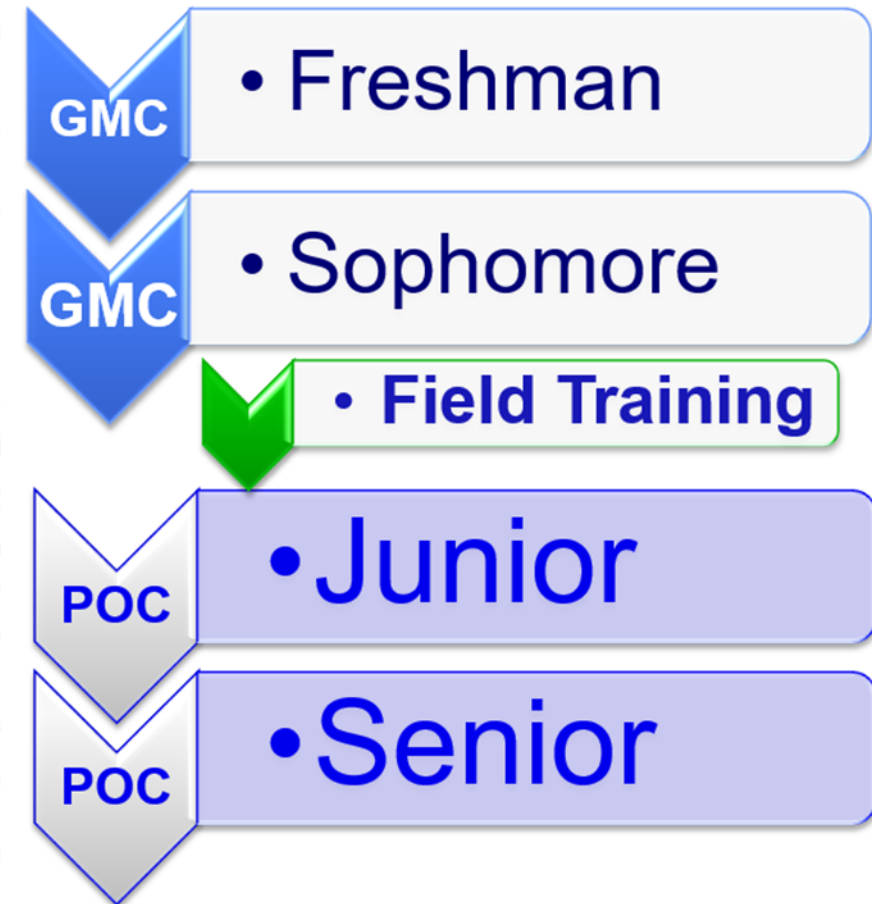
USAF & USSF

Commissioning Sources

- **Three Primary Commissioning Programs:**
 - Air Force ROTC: ~2,000 officers/year (60%)
 - Detachment 450, Montana State University: ~15 officers/year
 - United States Air Force Academy: ~800 officers/year (25%)
 - Officer Training School: ~400-4,000 officers/year (flex to requirements)
- **145 detachments nationwide, students can participate in AFROTC at over 1,000 universities via “cross-town” agreements**
 - Detachment 450 is the only AFROTC program in Montana

Program Overview

- **No commitment until scholarship is activated or contracted as a POC**
 - 4 yr HSSP scholarship cadets can walk away after freshman year with **NO commitment or payback!**
- *Develop Air and Space Force leaders of character whom we expect to fight and win our Nation's wars.*



General Military Course

GMC – AS100 Year

- **Required participation = 5-6 hours/week**
- **AFROTC Academic Class (1 credit)**
 - Fall MAS 110 – Introduction to DAF Culture (1 credit)
 - Spring MAS 111 – Competition and Security (1 credit)
 - Used as electives for degree program
- **AFROTC Leadership Lab (3 hours/week)**
 - Fall MAS 115; Spring MAS 116 (3 credits)
 - Basic Cadet – Part of GMC but not yet considered for selection into POC
 - Group leadership projects/Military drill & Ceremonies (marching)
 - Wear your uniform to all classes on Wednesday
- **Physical Fitness (2 hours/week)**
 - Running and calisthenics
 - Scholarship cadets must pass every term
 - First year cadets (non-scholarship) have 1 year to pass
- **Uniforms – Per Commander's Policy**
 - Det Polo/Khaki Pants for LLAB; Personal PT gear
 - PTG issued after passing PFA
 - Fitted for OCPs once in-processed as active cadet
 - Fitted for Blues after completing DoDMERB appointments



Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)

- **Standardized test used to help predict success in certain types of Air Force training programs**
- **2 attempts at test; Waiver for 3rd attempt**
 - Group studying allowed up to 1st test
 - Once you have taken the test you are not allowed to group study; study guides available
 - 1st attempt NLT end of first term in AFROTC; end of AS100 year
 - Must pass NLT end of the Fall term of AS300 year
- **Minimum scores required to pass**
 - Verbal-15; Quantitative-10
 - Passing score not required for contracting or awarding of scholarship



General Military Course

GMC – AS200 Year

- **Required participation = 7-8 hours/week**
- **AFROTC Academic Class (1 credit)**
 - Fall MAS 210 – Introduction to DAF Culture (1 credit)
 - Spring MAS 211 – Competition and Security (1 credit)
 - Used as electives for degree program
- **AFROTC Leadership Lab (3 hours/week)**
 - Fall MAS 215; Spring MAS 216 (3 credits)
 - Basic Cadet Leader – consider for selection into the POC
 - Group leadership projects/Military drill & Ceremonies (marching)
 - Wear your uniform to all classes on Wednesday
- **Physical Fitness (2 hours/week)**
 - Running and calisthenics
 - Scholarship cadets must pass every term
 - First year cadets (non-scholarship) have 1 year to pass
- **POCP – POC Preparation**
 - Additional training to ensure a cadet is ready to enter the POC
 - Some training occurs outside of PT and Leadership Lab
 - Not mandatory but highly encouraged



POC Selection Process & Field Training

- **Must earn Enrollment Allocation to enter POC**
 - Selected via competitive nationwide POC Selection Process (PSP) board
 - Order of Merit (OM) based on GPA, AFOQT, Physical Fitness, and Commander's Ranking
 - Selection rates vary to meet projected production goals
 - If not selected cadets are counseled on other opportunities within DoD
 - Once selected will contract with Air Force
- **Attend Field Training summer between Sophomore & Junior year**
 - ~20 Days (travel & meals paid) in Maxwell, AL
 - Enhanced Military Training
 - Leadership evaluation under stress
 - Small arms training
 - Mock deployment



Professional Officer Course

AS300 & AS400 Years

- **Min required participation = 7-9 hours**
- **Serve in a cadet leadership position**
 - Part of Cadet Wing Org Chart
 - AS300: Flight Commander, PT Lead
 - AS400: Wing Commander, A Staff
- **AFROTC Academic Class - 3 credits**
 - Juniors MAS 310/311– Leading People and Effective Communication
 - Seniors MAS 410/411 – National Security Affairs/ Prep for Active Duty
- **AFROTC Leadership Lab - 3 hours/week**
 - AS300 – Intermediate Cadet Leader – cadets who have just entered the POC
 - AS400 – Senior Cadet Leaders – cadets scheduled to be commissioned in the upcoming year
 - Teacher / evaluator role
- **Physical Fitness - 2 hours/week**
 - Planned and Lead by POC
 - Running and calisthenics



Cadet Opportunities

- Color guard, study groups, summer professional development activities, fitness groups, special warfare club, drill team, volunteer opportunities, base visits, incentive flights...
- Be as involved as you want to be! AFROTC is a competitive program – beyond the minimum requirements, you set your own level of involvement.



USAF & USSF Career Opportunities

Job Selection, Career Opportunities, After AFROTC Completion

Job Selection

- **Selection process occurs 1 year prior to graduation**
- **Rank eligible jobs in online survey**
 - Interested in Flying?
 - Rated Jobs - Pilot, Drone Pilot, Air Battle Manager, Combat Systems Officer
 - Rated OM based on: Academics, Physical Fitness, Commander's Ranking, Pilot Aptitude (PCSM → AFOQT, TBAS, Flight Hours <60)
- **Once notified of job, complete survey for Assignment location**



USAF Career Opportunities

- **Air Operations**
 - Pilot, Combat Systems Operator, Remotely Piloted Aircraft Pilot, Air Battle Manager
- **Special Warfare**
 - Special Tactics, Combat Rescue, Tactical Air Control Party
- **Nuclear Missile Operations**
- **Information Warfare**
 - Cyber Operations, Intelligence, Operations Research Analyst, Weather, Special Investigations, Information Operations, Public Affairs
- **Combat Support**
 - Airfield Operations, Aircraft Maintenance, Munitions & Missile Maintenance, Logistics Readiness, Security Forces, Civil Engineer, Force Support, Contracting, Financial Management
- **Force Modernization**
 - Chemist, Physicist/Nuclear Engineer, Developmental Engineer, Acquisition Management
- **Non-Line Officers**
 - Medical, JAG (Attorney/Lawyer), Chaplain

USSF Career Opportunities

- **Space Operations**
 - Astronaut, Space Operations Officer
- **Intelligence Officer**
- **Cyberspace Operations**
- **Acquisition & Engineering**
 - Aeronautical Engineer, Astronautical Engineer, Computer Systems Engineer, Electrical / Electronic Engineer, Human Factors Engineer / Human Systems Integration, Mechanical Engineer Officer, Acquisitions Manager

After AFROTC Completion

- **Commission as a Second Lieutenant on Active Duty!**
 - Air Force and Space Force
- **Career training takes place after commission, entrance onto Active Duty**
 - Some correlation between degree/job, but not always
- **Military Service Obligation**
 - Non-rated – 4 years
 - Rated – 6-10 years, depending upon training requirements



AFROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

AFROTC Scholarships, High School Scholarship Program (HSSP), HSSP Board Schedule

AFROTC Scholarships

- **National AFROTC Scholarship Programs**
 - **In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP, CMLA) → Type 2, \$18K/yr tuition**
 - Eligible cadets in the program for at least a term are nominated for scholarship by the Commander
 - ICSP priority is to keep individuals in critical majors in ROTC and express boards for certain career fields (Nursing)
 - CMLA is based on performance in ROTC and awarded at the start of the AS300 (Junior) year. Cadets must meet scholarship activation requirements (min. 2.5 CGPA)
- **Det 450-Specific Scholarships**
 - **Room & Board Scholarships**
 - Must live on campus and have a 3.0+ GPA the previous term
 - **Flight Scholarships for flight hours**
 - **MSU Cat Scholarships**

AFROTC Scholarships

- **Type 1: Pays full tuition & most fees**
 - Critical majors are prioritized (specific STEM degrees, Foreign Languages, and Nursing)
- **Type 2: Pays \$18,000 per yr towards tuition & most fees**
- **Scholarship can be converted to \$10,000 per yr for on-campus housing**
- **All National AFROTC scholarships include \$900/year for books & contract cadets receive stipend:**
 - Freshman year: \$300/month
 - Sophomore year: \$350/month
 - Junior year: \$450/month
 - Senior (& Extended 5 year approved): \$500/month

***ICSP based on College performance**

ROTC ZERO Days

ROTC Zero Days, How Do I Sign Up

ROTC Zero Days

- **New Cadet Orientation** – Attendance is highly recommended. Move in early, meet other ROTC students and get a head start on the Fall semester. Participating students will receive an introduction to the Army and Air Force ROTC programs, review of Battalion and Wing expectations, and engage with Peer Leaders while preparing for a successful transition to being a Bobcat Student Cadet.
- **Move-in Date:** 14 Aug 25
- **Zero Days:** 15-16 Aug 25
- **Fall 2025 Term Starts:** Wednesday, 20 Aug



How Do I Sign Up

- **Register during normal registration for MAS classes**
 - MAS 110
 - MAS 115
- **Application Process**
 - Register for MAS classes during Freshman orientation
 - Complete ROTC New Cadet Checklist
 - Applicant Screening (WINGS account)
 - Physical exam for medical eligibility (DODMERB)
- **Items you need**
 - Original Birth Certificate (or Certified Copy) & Social Security Card
 - Recent completed sports physical (AFROTC Form 28) - Clinic Available
 - Business casual attire – khaki pants, polo shirts (Det polos for purchase)

Questions?

General Program info:

<https://www.montana.edu/airforce/>

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AFROTC / Locations / Scholarships:

<https://www.afrotc.com>



