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Education Abroad

In today’s increasingly globalized society, direct international experience is a key component of a complete college education. The WVU Office of Global Affairs manages more than 1,000 exciting and life-enriching programs in over sixty countries all around the world. Education Abroad can be a life-changing cultural experience and supports unique inquiry-based and experiential learning. All WVU students (undergraduate, graduate, and professional) are required to register and have program approval with Global Affairs (https://international.wvu.edu) prior to departure when traveling abroad on university-related activities. Education Abroad program coordinators guide the student through the education abroad process, assist in choosing a program based on interest and needs, ensure appropriate credit transfer, offer travel advice, and provide cultural information about living and learning overseas.

WVU Exchange Programs

WVU exchange programs are managed directly by Global Affairs in conjunction with over 65 select partner institutions around the world. These programs offer WVU students the opportunity to study abroad for a semester or year at a sister institution. Students pay regular WVU tuition and fees, and the host school provides full reciprocal services at a campus abroad. Room and board are paid either to WVU or the exchange institution, depending on the exchange agreement. WVU maintains exchange relationships with over 50 partner institutions across the globe.

Faculty-Led Programs

Faculty-led programs are education abroad experiences developed and organized by WVU faculty members in conjunction with the Office of Global Affairs. Students study in rigorous but exciting programs where coursework is directly supervised by WVU faculty members. These programs, available throughout the year, are focused on either general education or on specific disciplines. WVU offers over 50 short term programs annually, in a variety of different subjects and locations.

Contact Education Abroad by visiting the Education Abroad (https://educationabroad.wvu.edu) website for a current listing of upcoming programs.

International Internships

International Internships are customized, professional placements. Typically, summer internships are 8-weeks in length and students participate in a reflective course for six WVU credits during their time abroad. Students work with trusted providers to find the placement that best fits their experience and professional career goals. Past locations have included Australia, Ireland, New Zealand, and Spain.

Affiliate Programs

Affiliate programs are education abroad opportunities available to WVU students through affiliations with various education abroad organizations. Affiliate programs are available during the fall, spring, and summer terms as well as for a complete academic year. Students pay program fees directly to the affiliate organization.

Additional Information

Students must submit application materials to Education Abroad (https://educationabroad.wvu.edu) and complete the mandatory pre-departure orientation process for credit transfer approval. Students may enroll in courses to fulfill major, minor, General Education Foundations (GEF) requirements or elective credit. Students must be in good academic and disciplinary standing before acceptance to WVU programs or to affiliate programs abroad. Participation in these programs also requires a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Exceptions may be made under special circumstances through appeal to Education Abroad, and are subject to approval of faculty leaders or program coordinators. Financial Aid is available for many programs. WVU Promise Scholarship funds may also be used for certain programs. For more information, visit the Student Financial Support and Services (https://financialaid.wvu.edu) website.

For more information, please visit the Education Abroad (https://educationabroad.wvu.edu) website or visit the office in B-3 Purinton House, PO Box 6313, Morgantown, WV 26506.
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Nature of the Program

The U.S. Air Force officer education program at WVU has been in existence since 1948 and is designed to provide training that will develop leadership, managerial, and interpersonal skills vital to a professional U.S. Air Force officer. Its purpose is to recruit qualified students for an opportunity to commission in the U.S. Air Force. WVU hosts the only Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) detachment in West Virginia.

BENEFITS

Enrolling in AFROTC provides the opportunity to:

- Compete for entry into the Professional Officer Course (POC) and earn an Air Force Commission.
- Earn academic elective credit that can be potentially applied toward the requirements for undergraduate majors at WVU, as well as the leadership studies minor program.
- Compete for AFROTC in-college scholarships that pay up to full tuition, fees, provides a book stipend, and provides a tax-free monthly stipend between $300 and $500 based on academic year.
- Receive free career counseling from full-time AFROTC representatives.
- Try AFROTC during freshman and sophomore years without obligation (unless you are awarded an AFROTC scholarship).
- Develop leadership and teambuilding skills.

Curriculum

The curriculum in Aerospace Studies is divided into two distinct areas: The General Military Course (GMC) and the Professional Officer Course (POC).

Students interested in becoming cadets should enroll in the following courses:

**Entering Freshmen:** During Fall Semester, sign up for USAF 131 and USAF 100. During Spring Semester, sign up for USAF 132 and USAF 100.

**Entering Sophomores:** During Fall Semester, sign up for USAF 131, USAF 251, and USAF 100. During Spring Semester, sign up for USAF 132, USAF 252, and USAF 100.

**MINOR CODE - U040**

Minimum grade of C in all courses fulfilling minor requirements.

Minimum GPA of 2.5 required.

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Complete 6 credit hours in any HIST or POLS courses.

Total Hours 20
General Military Course (GMC)
GMC includes USAF 131/132, 251/252, and LLAB. This is the first part of AFROTC’s four- and three-year programs. GMC is composed of a one-hour class and two-hour leadership laboratory per week. Two credit hours are awarded for each semester course successfully completed. GMC is available to all WVU students.

Professional Officer Course (POC)
The Professional Officer Course (POC) corresponds to the junior and senior years of your academic program. The POC is designed to provide highly qualified junior officers for the U.S. Air Force. Admission is based on such factors as leadership, scholarship, physical qualifications, and academic major. Successful completion of the POC qualifies you for appointment as a second lieutenant in the air force upon college graduation. Instruction averages three hours per week throughout the four semesters, plus leadership laboratory. Three hours of credit are awarded for each of the four semesters in the POC program. To qualify for the POC, you must meet all the qualifications for the GMC and:

• Have two academic years remaining
• Be able to obtain United States citizenship by second POC semester
• Be at least 18 years old, or 17 with a parent or legal guardian’s consent
• Be medically qualified
• Be selected by a board of U.S. Air Force officers
• Complete a field training course the summer prior to entering
• Complete all graduation and commissioning requirements as follows:
  a. Maintain a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
  b. Must commission (graduate) before age 39 (pilots age 29)
  c. Pass the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)

USAF 100 Leadership Laboratory (LLab)
Leadership laboratory takes an average of two hours per week, every semester, throughout the student’s enrollment in AFROTC. Instruction is conducted in an organized cadet corps with a progression of experiences designed to develop each student’s leadership potential. Leadership laboratory involves a study of Air Force customs and courtesies, drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, career opportunities, and the lifestyle and duties of an Air Force junior officer. Students develop leadership potential in a practical, supervised training laboratory, which typically includes field trips to air force installations.

USAF 131/132: Heritage and Values of the United States Air Force
Survey course that introduces students to the United States Air Force. It provides an overview of the basic characteristics, missions, and organization of the Air Force. The course includes an overview of AFROTC and AFROTC special programs.

USAF 251/252: Team and Leadership Fundamentals
Designed to provide a fundamental understanding of both leadership and team building. Students will learn methods and perspectives on self-assessment, followership, problem solving, motivation, human relations, and ethical decision making.

USAF 371/372: Leading People and Effective Communication
Designed to build on the leadership fundamentals taught in USAF 251/252. Students will learn about leadership, management, professional knowledge, leadership ethics, and communication skills required of an Air Force officer. Case studies are used as a means of exercising practical application of concepts.

USAF 481/482: National Security Affairs/Preparation for Active Duty
Examines the national security process, regional studies, leadership ethics, and USAF doctrine. Topics include the military as a profession, officership, military justice, civilian control of the military, active duty preparation, and issues affecting military professionalism.

In-College Scholarship Program
Outstanding students from any academic discipline may be eligible to compete for an in-college scholarship. Each year a number of scholarships are made available for cadets in their freshman or sophomore year. Usually, a greater percentage of scholarships are available for students majoring in engineering, scientific, mathematical, or nursing fields. AFROTC may pay up to 100 percent of tuition and fees, provide a textbook stipend, and provide a tax-free monthly allowance between $300 and $500 based on academic year.
Uniform Wear

Air Force ROTC cadets are required to wear a uniform to ROTC classes and leadership laboratories. Freshmen cadets are required to wear a polo and slacks. Sophomore cadets and above are provided uniforms. Air Force ROTC cadets may purchase their uniforms upon successful completion of the ROTC program.

Time Requirements

On average, freshman and sophomore cadets will spend 7 to 10 hours a week in AFROTC activities. This includes 1 hour in the classroom, 2 hours at LLAB, 2 hours at physical training sessions, and other obligations such as Field Training preparation, flight meetings, Flag detail, etc. Juniors and seniors will spend 10 to 15 hours a week in AFROTC activities. This includes 3 hours in the classroom, 2 hours at LLAB, 2 hours at physical training sessions, and other obligations related to leadership positions in the AFROTC.

U.S. Air Force Academy

The president of WVU may annually nominate five outstanding AFROTC cadets to the U.S. Air Force Academy. A nomination does not guarantee acceptance into the Air Force Academy. Applicants are recommended by the professor of aerospace studies to the WVU president during January of each year.
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Weekly Leadership Lab

During this part of the program, students will put their management and leadership skills to the test while continuing to hone the traits required for commissioning into the U.S. Army. As a cadet in the Advanced Course, you will spend approximately five weeks of the summer between your junior and senior years attending Advanced Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky. At this course, students receive intensive training in leadership, basic tactics, physical fitness, land navigation, negotiating a confidence obstacle course, and rappelling. They also have the opportunity to lead other cadets through challenging military missions.

While enrolled in the program, ROTC textbooks, uniforms, and essential materials are furnished at no cost. Additionally, Advanced Course students receive a tax-free monthly stipend allowance of $450 per month as a junior and $500 per month as a senior during the school year.

Leadership Laboratory

Leadership laboratory is conducted two hours per week every Thursday afternoon throughout the student’s enrollment in Army ROTC. Instruction is conducted in an organized cadet corps with a progression of experiences designed to develop each student’s leadership potential.

Leadership laboratory involves the practical application of leadership lessons taught during classroom instruction. The leadership laboratories involve application of field craft, drill and ceremonies, physical fitness, rappelling, rifle marksmanship, team and leadership exercises, and career opportunities. Leadership lab is required for all recipients of an Army ROTC Scholarship and contracted cadets.

Military Science Minor

MINOR CODE - U041

Students enrolled in the Army ROTC program may receive a military science minor by completing the advanced courses listed below. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required in these courses.

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Total Hours 15

The Two-Year Program

(Sophomores, Junior College Transfers, and Partnership Schools)

If students miss the first two years of Army ROTC, the two-year program offers the opportunity to achieve the same goals and benefits as the four-year program, but at an accelerated pace. This is designed for sophomores who were unable to take the Basic Course, students transferring after attending a junior college or another institution, or for students attending one of our partnership schools. In this program, students first attend Basic Camp at Fort Knox, Kentucky, in the summer between their sophomore and junior years. This is a fully paid, four-week training camp designed to be an accelerated version of the two years of leadership development training cadets receive during their first two years of Army ROTC. The course is broken into four phases where cadets begin physical training, drill and ceremonies, team development, combat water survival, and land navigation. Upon graduation from Basic Camp, students may compete for two-year, campus-based scholarships if their minimum GPA is a 2.5, and will graduate within four semesters. Those cadets who successfully complete Basic Camp and contract may be eligible to receive a $5,000.00 incentive bonus.
Additionally, if a student is currently in the National Guard (Army or Air Force), U.S. Army Reserve, a Veteran from any service, has two years of Senior ROTC (SROTC) experience from another service, or has High School Junior ROTC (JROTC) experience of three years or more, he or she may qualify for entry into the Advanced Course under the two-year program. Students must have a minimum of 59 hours of college credit with a 2.0 (or better) GPA.

**Simultaneous Membership Program (SMP)**

Students currently in the Army National Guard or U.S. Army Reserve can participate in the Advanced Course as an SMP cadet. Benefits of the SMP include immediate promotion to sergeant (E5) for pay purposes in their current unit, receipt of any Montgomery G.I. Bill kicker, $350 to $500 monthly tax-free stipend, and any tuition assistance offered by the service. Currently the West Virginia National Guard pays 100% of in-state or out-of-state tuition for either undergraduate or graduate studies. The U.S. Army Reserve offers loan repayment and 75% tuition assistance.

Information on these programs may be obtained through the WVU ARMY ROTC webpage or by contacting the Professor of Military Science (PMS) at (304) 293-2911 x 33135.

For a detailed overview of Army ROTC, students can call 1-800-USA-ROTC or view online at ARMY ROTC.

**Judge Advocate General (JAG) Programs**

The JAG Corps is the oldest “law firm” in the U.S., dating back to 1775. There are approximately 1,500 active duty (full-time) attorneys and 2,600 Reserve and National Guard (part-time) attorneys. Students in the Advanced Course should take the LSAT prior to the fall of their senior year. They must then request an educational delay and branch JAG. If accepted to the law school of the student’s choice, the educational delay may be granted. While in law school, students may apply for one of 100 summer internships offered by the JAG Corps.

**Graduate Medical Programs**

The Army offers a variety of graduate programs to ROTC graduates. These include specialties in nursing, dentistry, medicine, psychology, optometry, and veterinary medicine. Interested students must apply for educational delay following graduation and commissioning.

**ROTC Scholarship Program**

In addition to world-class leadership training, Army ROTC also offers generous scholarships to qualified students. These scholarships are based solely on the student’s merits, not financial needs. These merit-based scholarships are available for two, two and a half, three, three and a half, and four years and are available for both graduate and undergraduate programs. These scholarships pay full tuition and fees or room and board (up to $5,000/each semester). They also provide $600 per semester for books and include a $300 to $500 per month tax-free stipend, for up to 10-months a year (during the academic school year). Four-year scholarships are normally reserved for applicants who are high school seniors. The application process starts by applying online at the ARMY ROTC website or by calling: 1-800-USA-ROTC to receive an application by mail. The remaining scholarships are considered campus-based scholarships given at the discretion of the professor of military science.

Students must meet the following requirements for a four-year Army ROTC scholarship:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be between the ages of 17 and 26
- Have a high school cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5
- Score a minimum of 920 on the SAT (math/verbal) or 19 on the ACT (excluding the required writing test scores)
- Meet the physical standards
- Be of good moral character
- Exhibit a strong desire to become an Army officer
- Possess leadership potential to become an effective leader. These include appearance, personality, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and physical fitness
- Be medically qualified by passing a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Board health physical and eye exam
- Must be eligible for a secret security clearance

Students must meet the following requirements for a three-and-a half, three, two-and-a half and two-year scholarships:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be between the ages of 17 and 27
- Have a college grade point average of at least 2.5
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Meet the physical standards
- Be of good moral character
- Exhibit a strong desire to become an Army officer. Possess leadership potential to become an effective leader. These include appearance, personality, academic excellence, extracurricular activities, and physical fitness
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- Be medically qualified by passing a Department of Defense Medical Evaluation Board health physical and eye exam
- Must be eligible for a secret security clearance

Army ROTC Nursing Program

Being an Army nurse is one of the most rewarding careers imaginable. Army nurses are officers—and as such are highly respected professionals. They have the opportunity to assume leadership positions in a hospital setting far more quickly than those working in the private sector. They also have the personal satisfaction of caring for the men and women who defend our freedom.

The Army ROTC program offers some unique hands-on opportunities for nursing students that are not available anywhere else. With the Nurse Summer Training Program (NSTP), Army ROTC nurse cadets have the opportunity for a paid, three-week assignment to army hospitals throughout the United States and Germany. While participating in the program, cadets are introduced to the Army Medical Department (AMEDD) and to the roles and responsibilities of an army nurse corps officer. Cadets gain hands-on experience, under the guidance of an experienced army nurse, allowing them to hone their clinical skills and become comfortable with developing their professional skills as a member of the U.S. Army Healthcare Team. For more information go online to ARMY ROTC Nurse Training & Scholarship Program (https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/courses-and-colleges/programs/nursing.html).

Army ROTC Nursing Scholarships

Army ROTC offers qualified undergraduate nursing students two-, three-, and four-year scholarships. These scholarships are merit-based and are awarded to those who possess a strong record of academic achievement and who demonstrate that they have the potential to become leaders. These scholarships defray the full cost of tuition and provide a tax-free allowance for books and necessary materials. Additionally, those awarded an Army ROTC nursing scholarship are eligible to receive a tax-free stipend up to $500 per month, to help defray living expenses, for up to ten months of the academic year. The scholarships would pay full in-state or out-of-state tuition and fees. There will also be incentive items given during their junior and senior years. The nursing scholarship will also cover the cost of the NCLEX review course as well as the cost of the NCLEX test.

Additional Opportunities

Students enrolled in the Army ROTC program can participate in numerous fully funded military training opportunities during their summer breaks. These opportunities include, but are not limited to, Airborne School, Air Assault School, Mountain Warfare School, Pentagon Internship Program, and the Nurse Summer Training Program. There are also opportunities to study abroad through numerous fellowship programs.