

# Co-Curricular Programs

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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 400 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 prior to departure when traveling abroad on university-related activities ([international.wvu.edu](http://international.wvu.edu)). Global Affairs 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 thirty select partner institutions around the world. These programs offer WVU students the opportunity to study abroad for a summer, 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 currently has exchange programs in:

- Australia
- Austria
- Botswana
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- Columbia
- Denmark
- England
- Estonia
- France
- Germany
- Hong Kong
- Hungary
- India
- Ireland
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Morocco
- Northern Ireland
- Paraguay
- Peru
- Russia
- South Africa
- South Korea
- Spain
- Sweden

- Taiwan
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Turkey
- Wales

## 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 such as:

- Law
- Political science
- Foreign languages
- Biology
- Medicine
- Social work
- And much more

Past locations have included:

- Brazil
- China
- England
- Fiji
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Italy
- Japan
- Mexico
- Spain
- Vietnam

Contact International Programs or visit the website for a current listing of upcoming programs: <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/>.

## International Student Exchange Program

The International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) is a worldwide network for international education. ISEP allows students from the United States and twenty-seven other countries access to programs at member universities for a semester or a year. Students pay WVU tuition, fees, room, board, and an ISEP fee to WVU ([internationalprograms.wvu.edu](http://internationalprograms.wvu.edu)).

## Affiliate Programs

Affiliate programs are education abroad opportunities available to WVU students through our 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 Global Affairs ([studyabroad.wvu.edu](http://studyabroad.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 Global Affairs, 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 <http://www.finaid.wvu.edu>.

For more information, please see <http://studyabroad.wvu.edu/> or visit the office in 101 Purinton House.

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## 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 applied toward the requirements for any undergraduate major at WVU, as well as the leadership studies minor program.
- Compete for AFROTC in-college scholarships that pay up to full tuition, fees, and required textbooks, and provide 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 accept an AFROTC scholarship).
- Develop leadership and managerial skills.

## Curriculum

The curriculum in Aerospace Studies is divided into three distinct areas: Leadership Laboratory, General Military Course (GMC), and Professional Officer Course (POC).

Students should enroll in the following courses:

### MINOR CODE - U040

Minimum grade of C in all courses fulfilling minor requirements.

Minimum GPA of 2.5 required.

USAF 251	Air and Space Power 1	1
USAF 252	Air and Space Power 2	1
USAF 371	Leadership Studies 1	3
USAF 372	Leadership Studies 2	3
USAF 481	National Security/Active Duty 1	3
USAF 482	National Security/Active Duty 2	3
Complete 6 credit hours in any HIST or POLS courses.		6
Total Hours		20

## General Military Course (GMC)

The U.S. Air Force course of study offered during the freshman and sophomore years is the General Military Course (GMC). This is composed of one class hour and two leadership laboratory hours per week. Two credit hours are awarded for each semester course successfully completed. General military courses are open to all WVU students who:

- Are United States citizens (to receive a scholarship)
- Are in good physical condition
- Have good moral character

## 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, lifestyle and work 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.

## Nature of 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 qualify you for commissioning in the U.S. Air Force. WVU has the only Air Force ROTC (AFROTC) detachment in West Virginia.

## 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 of work 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 a United States citizen
- Be at least 18 years old, or 17 with a parent or legal guardian's consent
- Be physically 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:
- Maintain a Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Must commission (graduate) before age 31 (pilots age 29)
- Pass the Air Force Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA)

## 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 and/or Sophomore year. A large number of scholarships are available for students majoring in engineering, scientific, mathematical, or nursing fields. If you are selected for an AFROTC scholarship, AFROTC will pay up to 100 percent toward tuition, fees, and textbooks, as well as provide a tax-free monthly allowance between \$300 and \$500 based on academic year. Scholarships are available for two, three, and four years, depending on USAF funding availability.

## Uniform Wear and Deposits

Air Force ROTC students will be provided and are required to wear a uniform to ROTC classes and leadership laboratories. Air Force ROTC cadets may purchase their uniforms upon successful completion of the ROTC program.

## Time Requirements

On average GMC (Freshmen & Sophomores) will spend 7 - 10 hours a week in ROTC activities. This includes 1 hour in classroom, 2 hours in LLab, 2 hours in Physical Education, and a 2 hour flight meeting (held in the evenings). As a POC (juniors and seniors) will spend 10-20 hours a week.

## U.S. Air Force Academy

The president of WVU may annually nominate five outstanding AFROTC students 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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## Nature of the Program

The curriculum includes the skills expected of a U.S. Army officer, including how to motivate co-workers, cope with unexpected challenges, organize large, complex tasks, and an introduction to the army's values-based leadership techniques. Additionally, students learn skills in demand today in the civilian and business worlds such as teamwork, tact, and effective communications. There are two- and four-year ROTC programs. The traditional four-year program is composed of the Basic Course and the Advanced Course.

## The Basic Course

The first two years compose the Basic Course. This includes:

MILS 101	Military Science	2
MILS 102	Military Science	2
MILS 201	Military Science	2
MILS 202	Military Science	2
PE 110	Military Physical Conditioning	1

These courses involve classroom studies in such subjects as military history, leadership development, and national defense. Students can enroll in the program for the first two years without incurring any future military obligation. However, students who desire to make a commitment to obtain a U.S. Army commission at graduation can commit as early as their sophomore year, compete for an ROTC contract, and receive a tax-free monthly stipend of \$350 per month as a contracted cadet. After successful completion of the Basic Course, students can apply for admission into the Advanced Course.

## The Advanced Course

After successful completion of the Basic Course, students wishing to earn a commission as an officer in the U.S. Army must enter the Advanced Course. It is required for all contracted cadets and students who have received an ROTC scholarship. Classes required are:

MILS 301	Military Science	3
MILS 302	Military Science (Military Science)	3
MILS 401	Military Science	3
MILS 402	Military Science	3
PE 110	Military Physical Conditioning	1
<b>Select one of the following:</b>		<b>3</b>
HIST 210	Modern Military History	
HIST 256	History of the American Revolution: 1763-1790	
HIST 453	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 460	World War II in America	

### 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.

MILS 301	Military Science	3
MILS 302	Military Science	3
MILS 401	Military Science	3
MILS 402	Military Science	3
Select 1 of the following:		3
HIST 210	Modern Military History	
HIST 256	History of the American Revolution: 1763-1790	
HIST 453	Civil War and Reconstruction	
HIST 460	World War II in America	
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 (over \$700 plus room, board, and transportation), 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 bas scholarships. Students must have a minimum of 59 hours of college credit with a 2.0 GPA (2.5 to compete for a scholarship). 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 Mountaineer Battalion webpage at <http://armyrotc.wvu.edu> or 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: <http://www.goarmy.com/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: <http://www.goarmy.com/rotc> 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
- 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: [http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/nurse\\_program.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/nurse_program.jsp).

## 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.