



# Welcome to AFROTC Detachment 450



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# USAF & USSF Commissioning Sources

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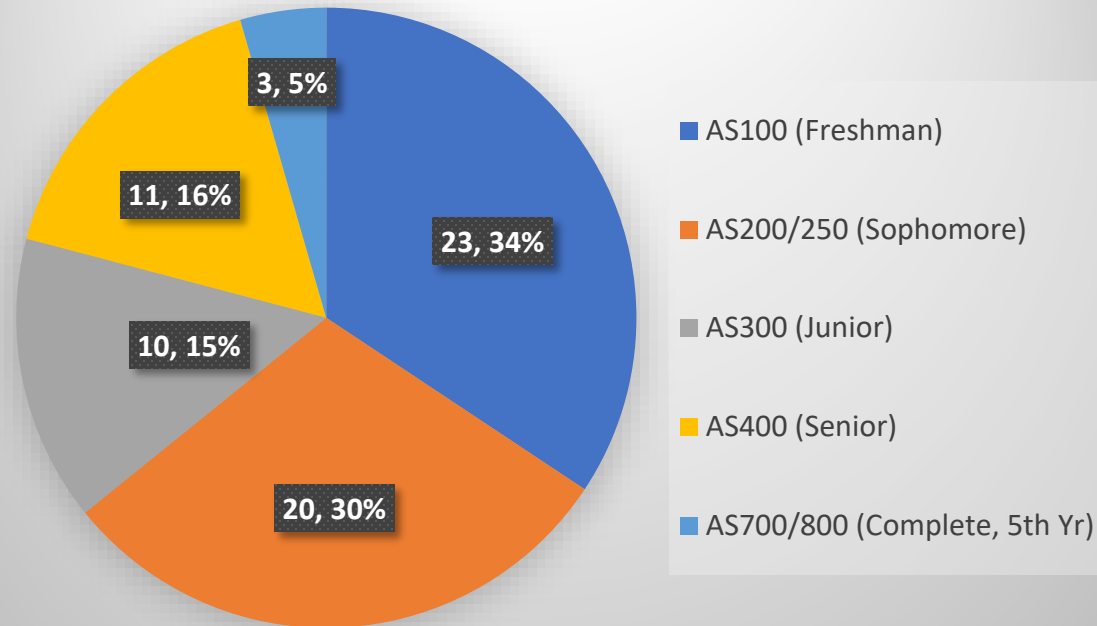
- **Three Primary Commissioning Programs:**
  - **United States Air Force Academy: ~800 officers/year (25%)**
  - **Officer Training School: ~400-4,000 officers/year (flex to requirements)**
  - **Air Force ROTC: ~2,000 officers/year (60%)**
    - **Detachment 450, Montana State University: ~15 officers/year & trending up**
- **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**



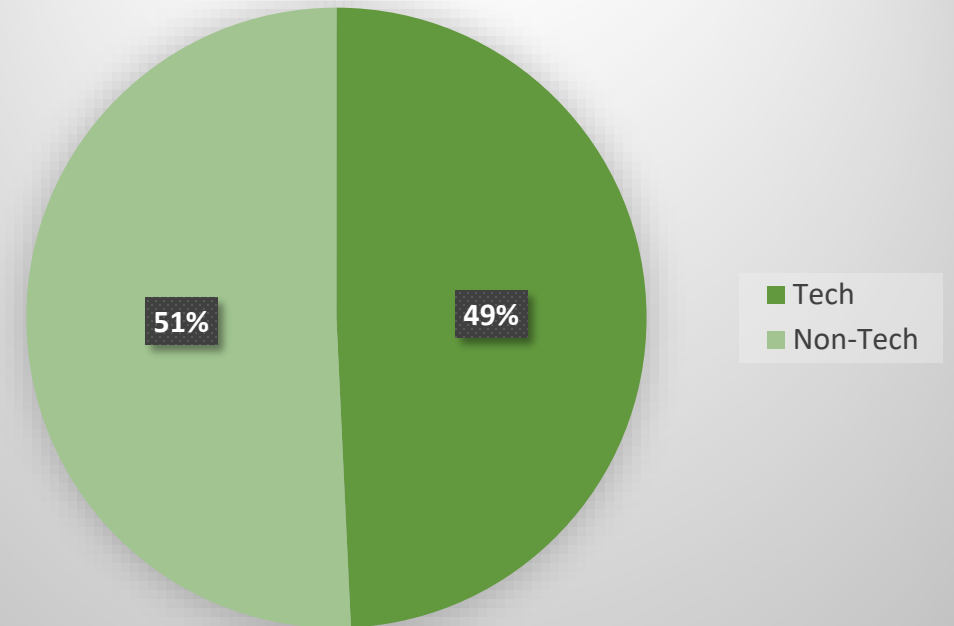
# AFROTC Detachment 450 By the Numbers



### Active Cadets, Spring 2024



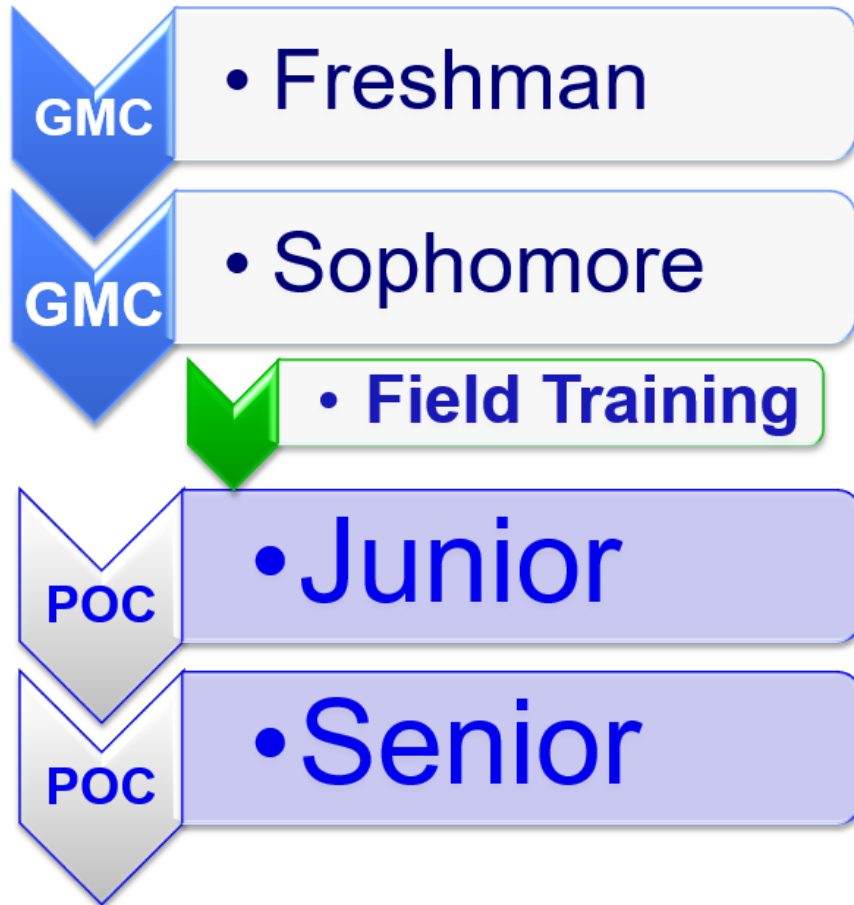
### Academic Major



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# 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

• Freshman

GMC

• Sophomore



- Required participation = 5-7 hours/week
- AFROTC Academic Class (1 credit)
  - Freshmen – Heritage and Values of the USAF
  - Sophomore – Team and Leadership Fundamentals
  - Used as electives for degree program
- AFROTC Leadership Lab (3 hours/week)
  - Military drill & ceremonies (marching)
  - Group leadership projects
  - Wear your uniform to all classes on Wednesday (Det Polo/Khakis)
  - Used as electives for degree program
- Physical Fitness (2 hours/week)
  - Running and calisthenics
  - Scholarship cadets must pass every term
  - First year cadets (non-scholarship) have 1 year to pass
- Must Pass Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT)
  - Max 2 attempts

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# POC Selection Process & Field Training



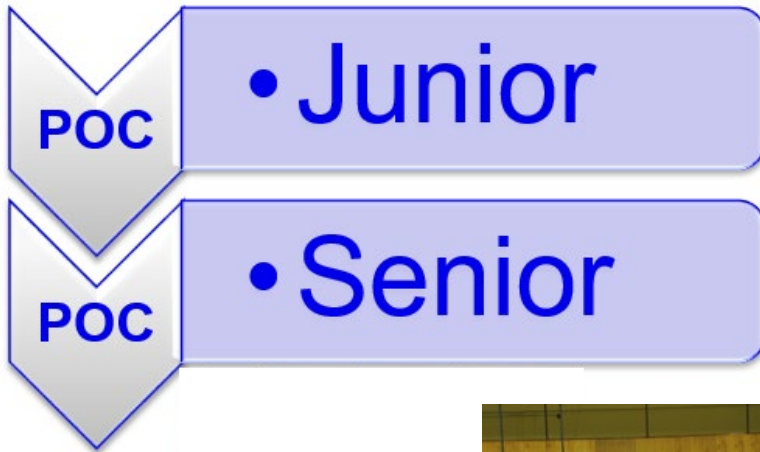
- **Must earn Enrollment Allocation to enter POC**
  - Selected via competitive nationwide POC Selection Process (PSP) board (based on GPA, AFOQT, Physical Fitness, and Commander's Ranking)
  - Selection rates vary to meet projected production goals
  
- **Attend Field Training in summer between Sophomore & Junior year**
  - ~20 Days (travel & meals paid) in Maxwell, AL
  - Enhanced Military Training
    - Leadership evaluation under stress
    - Small arms training
    - Mock deployment



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# Professional Officer Course



- Min required participation = 7-9 hours
- Serve in a cadet leadership positions
- AFROTC Academic Class (3 credits)
  - Juniors – Leading People and Effective Communication
  - Seniors – National Security Affairs/ Prep for Active Duty
- AFROTC Leadership Lab (3 hours/week)
  - Teacher / evaluator role
- Physical Fitness (2 hours/week)
  - Running and calisthenics



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# After AFROTC Completion



- **Commission as a Second Lieutenant on Active Duty!**
  - **Air Force and Space Force**



- **Military Service Obligation**
  - **Non-Rated – 4 Years**
  - **Rated – 6-10 Years, depending upon training requirements**
- **Career training takes place after commission, entrance onto Active Duty**
  - **Some correlation between degree/job, but not always**





# 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
- **Space Operations**
- **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

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# AFROTC Scholarships



## ➤ National AFROTC Scholarship Programs:

I. **High School Scholarship Program (HSSP) → Type 1, full tuition**

➤ Compete as High School Junior/Senior

II. **In-College Scholarship Program (ICSP) → Type 2, \$18K/yr tuition**

➤ Compete as College Freshman/Sophomore Cadet

➤ Eligible for upgrade to Type 1 & extended entitlements for approved 5-year Technical degrees

III. **Brig. Gen. Charles McGee Leadership Award (CMLA) → Type 2**

➤ Any Cadet not already on scholarship who completes field training/enters junior year → 2-year scholarship for \$18K/yr tuition or \$10K housing assistance/yr

✓ **All scholarships include \$900/year for books & living expense stipends:**

- Freshman year: \$300/month
- Sophomore year: \$350/month
- Junior year: \$450/month
- Senior (& Extended 5 year approved): \$500/month

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# AFROTC & Local Scholarships



- **Additional Det 450-Specific Scholarships:**
  - **Room & Board Scholarships**
    - Must live in MSU sponsored housing and have a 3.0+ GPA the previous term and a passing PFA
  - **Flight Scholarships for flight hours**
  - **MSU Cat Scholarships**



# 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 and an opportunity to engage with Peer Leaders while preparing for a successful transition to being a Bobcat Student Cadet.
- **Tentative Move-in Date:** Thursday, 15 August
- **Zero Days:** Friday, 16-17 August
- **Fall 2024 Term Starts:** Wednesday, 21 August



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# How Do I Sign Up



## ➤ Register during normal registration for MAS classes:

- MAS 110, Heritage and Values of the Air Force
- MAS 115, Leadership Lab

## ➤ Application Process:

- Register for MAS classes during Freshman orientation
- Complete ROTC Active Cadet Checklist
  - WINGS Account
  - Additional Document Links

## ➤ Items you need:

- Original Birth Certificate (or Certified Copy) & Social Security Card
- Recent completed sports physical (AFROTC Form 28)
- Business casual attire – khaki pants, polo shirts, dresses, skirts



**\*\*Review the New Cadet Checklist for additional details on joining AFROTC at Montana State!\*\***



# Key Takeaways

- **You can try AFROTC with no obligation!**
  - Contract/enlistment starts when Scholarship is activated or Junior year (whichever comes first)
- **Scholarships pay tuition & fees, books, & monthly stipend!**
- **Great job opportunity after College!**
  - If you successfully complete your degree and AFROTC requirements
  - Can be turned into an exciting career if you are successful! (Veteran Benefits)
- **Commission as a Second Lieutenant on Active Duty (USAF or USSF)!**
- **Military Service Obligation & Air Force Careers**
  - Typically, a 4-year commitment...depends on career field
    - 6 years for Combat Systems Operators & Air Battle Managers
    - 10 years for Pilots
  - Wide array of career fields available!
  - Competitive pay and benefits
  - Retirement eligible after 20 years of service
- **Career training takes place after commission, entrance onto Active Duty**
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# Questions?



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- **General Program info:** <https://www.montana.edu/airforce/>
  - **Det 450 email:** [afrotc@montana.edu](mailto:afrotc@montana.edu)
  - **AFROTC / Locations / Scholarships:** <https://www.afrotc.com>

**Want more information?** Write your contact info on the sign-up sheet on the front table and we will reach out!