AEROSPACE STUDIES

Air Force

The Department of Aerospace Studies offers four-, three-, and two-year academic and training programs towards an active duty commission in the United States Air Force. The programs are designed to develop officers who have a broad understanding and high growth potential. Cadets participate in dialogues, problem solving and other planning activities designed to develop leaders and managers. These goals are achieved through formal academic classes and Leadership Laboratory, a 1-1/2 hour weekly demonstration session. Any qualified undergraduate or graduate student may apply for Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC). The program accepts students from most of the local two and four year universities and colleges. Contact the department for information on open enrollment procedures for non-CSUS students.

Note: If a student is not interested or qualified to pursue an Air Force commission, he or she is welcome to enroll in any AFROTC class for academic credit except for Leadership Laboratory, which does not generate academic credit.

As one of the prerequisites for commissioning, each cadet must attend either a four or six week field training encampment. This training is conducted at an Air Force base during the summer, normally between a cadet’s sophomore and junior years. Field training emphasizes military orientation, academics, physical training, leadership exercises, teamwork, sports, job specialty briefings, base visits, and drill and ceremonies.

Upon completion of the AFROTC program and all requirements for a bachelor’s degree, cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants and serve a minimum of four years in the Air Force. Graduate students will be eligible for an Air Force commission upon successful completion of the AFROTC program even if they have not completed their graduate degree. AFROTC graduates may enter pilot or navigator training after commissioning. These are highly selective career fields and the competition is intense. Other commissionees go on active duty in specialties consistent with their academic majors, their desires and existing Air Force needs. Commissionees may request a delay from entry on active duty to continue their education, or they may apply for Air Force sponsored graduate study to begin immediately upon entering on active duty service.

AFROTC offers scholarships to qualified students. The competition for these scholarships is highly competitive. Scholarships usually provide for tuition, books, lab and incidental fees and a tax-free $200 monthly stipend.

Except for scholarship recipients, students are under no obligation to the Air Force until after field training. After entering into a contract with the Air Force each nonscholarship cadet receives a tax-free, monthly $200 stipend. The semester of graduation and commissioning, cadets are assigned a job specialty category identifying their future job in the Air Force. More detailed program information is available upon request from AFROTC, CSUS, Chair, Department of Aerospace Studies, Public Service Building 214, 278-7315.

MILITARY SCIENCE

Army

The Military Science Department offers hands-on training in management and leadership. The program stresses the following leadership dimensions: oral and written communications, oral presentations (formal briefings), initiative, sensitivity, influence, planning and organizing, delegation, administrative control, problem analysis, judgment, decisiveness, physical stamina, mission accomplishment, and followership. Also stressed are current events, national and international politics, military affairs, ethics training, and human relations with emphasis on eliminating racial and gender discrimination. Management and leadership are taught using the U.S. Army as a model. Military skills (such as

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drill and ceremonies, map reading, and squad tactics) are taught to create an environment where students can enter leadership positions and apply theories taught in the classroom. Students learn by doing. The program assists students in all academic fields to prepare for positions of leadership in military or civilian careers.

The department offers two program tracks: (1) a purely academic track, and (2) a precommissioning track for those desiring a commission in the U.S. Army. The academic track entails no obligation to the military and is open to all students. Students pursuing the academic track do not wear a uniform or otherwise participate in extracurricular activities designed as part of the precommissioning process. Activities for all students include the Ranger club (a club designed for adventure activities such as rappelling, white-water rafting, orienteering, and patrolling) and intramural sports teams.

Students who desire a commission in the U.S. Army participate in both the academic portion of the program and in the leadership laboratories and extracurricular activities designed to enhance their leadership and technical skills. They wear uniforms to leadership laboratories and selected classes and become ROTC cadets. Students may be cadets in the lower division courses without incurring a military obligation. Students participating in the upper division precommissioning program incur a military obligation. See below for details. Extracurricular activities for cadets include an intercollegiate sports team (Ranger Challenge), the university color guard, military honor society, a rifle/pistol team, and opportunities to participate in field training exercises.

**DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS**

Students are enrolled in military science under one of two programs.

**Four-Year Program**

Students are enrolled in the basic course (lower division) for the first two years on a voluntary basis. There is no military obligation associated with attendance in lower division courses. Admission to the advanced course (upper division) is by application from second-year lower division students who meet the academic, physical, and military aptitude requirements. Qualified veterans can enter the advanced course immediately because of their military service experience, upon approval by the Department Chairperson. Upper division students receive $200 subsistence per month after executing a contract agreeing to complete the course and accept a commission if offered. During the course, all military science textbooks, uniforms and equipment are provided without cost. Students are given leadership development experience at summer camp (advanced camp) between their third and fourth years of the course. Emphasis is on individual participation, leadership development and the capability to function effectively in positions of significant responsibility.

**Two-Year Program**

The two-year program is for students who have not attended lower division Military Science classes. In lieu of lower division courses an applicant attends a six-week summer camp (basic camp) which is voluntary and carries no military obligation. Applicants are paid for camp attendance and transportation costs. Applications are accepted during the winter and spring terms of the year preceding enrollment in the two-year program. All other provisions explained above for the upper division course apply to the two-year program.

**Scholarship Program**

The U.S. army offers four-, three-, and two-year Active Duty and two-year Reserve Forces Duty scholarships to students planning to attend or attending CSUS. The U.S. Army ROTC scholarship package pays tuition and educational fees. Also included in all scholarships is a flat rate of $450 per year for textbooks, up to $400 per year for miscellaneous fees such as laboratory, student activity, transcript, and graduation fees, and a subsistence allowance of $200 a month for 10 months for each year that the scholarship is in effect.

The Army Reserve Officers’ Training Corps four-year Active Duty merit scholarships are awarded to qualified high school seniors in a national competition each year. There are two cycles available for submission of the four-year scholarship application. High school juniors can compete for an Early Cycles scholarship by submitting their application complete and postmarked by July 15 between their junior and senior years. Applicants will receive notification of their final status by November 1. As high school seniors, students compete for the Regular Cycle scholarship by submitting their application complete and postmarked by December 1. Those applicants not selected in the Early Cycle are considered in the Regular Cycle competition. Applicants will receive notification of their final status by March 1 of their senior year in high school. Interested applicants should see their high school counselor for an application or contact UC Davis Department of Military Science at (530) 752-7682.

The three-year Active Duty and two-year Reserve Forces Duty scholarships are awarded to college students who are already attending CSUS or transferring from a junior college to CSUS, and have three to two years remaining before graduating with a baccalaureate. Students interested in competing for these scholarships can submit their application beginning in November of each school year. The deadline for submission of an application is January 15 for the two-year scholarship and February 15 for the three-year scholarship. Students apply for and are awarded these Army scholarships through the Military Science Department.
Leadership Laboratory
During the course of the school year, several weekends and two hours per week are spent in the conduct of practical exercises. Classes emphasize adventure activities including off-site, defense and-patrolling techniques, weapons familiarization, rappelling, rope bridging, obstacle course, leadership reaction course, and land navigation. All cadets are required to attend leadership laboratories at the UC Davis campus for practical leadership experience and to prepare for attendance at the Army ROTC Advanced Camp, held at Fort Lewis, Washington.

Military Qualifications Standards (MQS) System
During the program of study, students will become familiar with the MQS System, which is designed to articulate skills and knowledge that are required of ROTC commissionees to begin military service. The components of the MQS System include: military skills, professional knowledge, and a professional military education.

The military skills component consists of 73 military skills which are categorized into 12 subject areas. They are basic soldiering tasks fundamental to the military professional and serve as the basis for future branch-directed specialty training.

The 24 professional knowledge subjects familiarize cadets with the history, customs, and traditions, leadership and ethics, administration, organization, and training of the U.S. Army.

The professional military education component consists of two essential parts - a baccalaureate degree and at least one undergraduate course form each of three designated fields of study. Cadets must take a course in written communication, military history, and computer literacy.

LOWER DIVISION COURSES

Aerospace Studies
AERO 001A. The Air Force Today I. An orientation to the military environment. Students will gain an understanding of military customs and courtesies, the role of the military officer, and unique opportunities and benefits available to military members. Students will be required to complete an oral or written project. 1 unit.

AERO 001B. The Air Force Today II. A continuation of AERO 001A, material covered in this course completes students’ orientation to the military. Specific topics include U.S. military history, the military chain of command, and the Air Force’s organizational structure. Students will be required to complete an oral or written project. 1 unit.

AERO 021A. The Evolution of USAF Air and Space Power I. An overview of the history of air power; from the Wright Brothers to the Korean war. Key leaders and milestones will be discussed. Communication skills will be emphasized including speaking, writing, and class participation. 1 unit.

AERO 021B. The Military Profession. Focuses on topics of importance to the military officer. Students will be introduced to aspects of leadership and followership; ethics and values; and total quality (TQ) principles. Group problem solving will also be emphasized. Students will be required to complete a written project and oral presentation. 1 unit.

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

Aerospace Studies
AERO 135A. Leadership and Management I. A survey of selected concepts, principles, and theories on leadership, management, delegation, mentoring, and quality issues. Students will be given the opportunity to improve speaking and writing skills. 3 units.

AERO 135B. Leadership and Management II. A survey of selected concepts, principles, and theories on team building, speaking and writing effectively, listening, feedback, performance evaluation, ethics, character, and principles of war. Students will be given the opportunity to improve speaking and writing skills. 3 units.

AERO 145A. National Security and the U.S. Air Force. Provides an overview of the role of the military in our national security policy and process. It includes an analysis of the roles of the three branches of government as they relate to national security; an examination of the doctrine and organization of the Air Force; and a discussion of global current events which impact our national security. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions and complete a group written and oral project. 3 units.

AERO 145B. Contemporary Air Force Issues. A presentation of critical issues facing today’s military professional. A wide variety of topics are discussed including: the military legal system; the laws of armed conflict; military ethics; family/social responsibilities; professional/unprofessional relationships; environmental responsibilities; and issues pertinent to the military commander. Students will be expected to participate in class discussions and complete a group written and oral project. 3 units.

AERO 199. Special Problems. Academic study and evaluation in specified topics associated with aerospace development, technology, and doctrine. Note: Open only to those students who appear competent to complete assigned work and who meet prerequisites established by the Department of Aerospace Studies. Approval in writing by the Department Chair required. 1-4 units.

Military Science
MILS 014. Introduction to Military Science I. Discussion of the military as one element of national power; its role in American defense; its purpose, weapons and organizations; its participation in international treaties. Discussion of other subjects required for a student to understand the military and its place in modern society. Fall only. 1 unit.

MILS 015. Introduction to Military Science II. Discussion of the military’s role in American Society, Current society attitudes, sources of its leaders, and an examination of its structure. Graded Spring only. 1 unit.
MILS 024. Principles and Tactics of the Soldier. The student will become familiar with the nine principles of war, and gain an appreciation for the role of the commander in warfare. By a study of selected battles in the 20th century, the student will be able to describe the violations or reinforcements of the principles which set the course of the battle. A study of offensive and defensive tactics at the small unit level will enable the student to understand the nature of the battlefield environment, and will put the decisions of the commander of units in the historical battles into perspective. These discussions will lead to the discussion of the elements of leadership to be presented in MILS 025. 1 unit.

MILS 025. Leadership Assessment and Beginning Counseling Skills. The student will gain insight and practical experience in the manager-leader skills of counseling. The student will understand the elements of leadership, and undergo the Army’s Leadership Assessment Program in class. Five simulations will be conducted and behavior recorded in a group setting. The student will be given individual feedback on the results of the assessment by scheduling a private appointment with the instructor. 1 unit.

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Military Science

MILS 134. Principles of Instruction. Principles and practice in fundamentals applicable to military instruction to include planning, presentation and evaluation. Student presentations exemplify lecture material. Fall only. 2 units.

MILS 135. Military Operations. This course combines lecture and practical exercise techniques to provide students with a knowledge of basic military operational concepts. Lectures deal with foreign and U.S. force structure, active and passive employment of military organizations, employment of support units, and the principles of land navigation. Spring only. 2 units.

MILS 144. Principles of Military Administration. A comprehensive course in the organization, structure, and functions of the various types of staffs and an introduction to the theory and application of military law and legal systems focusing on the Uniform Code of Military Justice and the rights of the accused under the Constitution. Fall only. 2 units.

MILS 145. Military Leadership and Ethics. The course will be utilized as a capstone seminar designed to bring together all previous Military Science instruction. The course will examine contemporary leadership problems. It is designed to provide the ROTC cadet with the basic management skills necessary for a foundation for future growth as a junior officer. 2 units.