

Department of Air and Space Studies

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About Air & Space Studies

The Department of Air and Space Studies is focused on developing the next generation of leaders through a comprehensive 4-year undergraduate program resulting in a minor for participating students. The minor in Air and Space Studies focuses on the study of air and space power history, ethical leadership, and officership. In the current geopolitical climate, the modern Air Force & Space Force require officer-scholars to lead in unique and creative ways in order to achieve goals and problem-solve. This program emphasizes 21st century leadership and communication techniques to prepare students to lead modern groups and organizations.

About Air Force ROTC

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) is an additional and separate program run by the department. Conducted at over 1000 colleges and universities throughout the United States, AFROTC trains men and women pursuing a 4-year degree to become commissioned officers in the U.S. Air Force and U. S. Space Force. Most graduates who enter the Air Force or Space Force through ROTC are assigned positions consistent with their academic major. Others, who wish to do so, may qualify to become pilots and navigators. Men and women who complete graduation requirements for their major and ROTC, receive an officer's commission becoming active duty second lieutenants in the U.S. Air and Space Force. Additionally, officers who qualify may complete graduate studies prior to beginning their military duties. While Air Force ROTC is taught at Manhattan College in Riverdale, students from 34 associated consortium schools participate in the program attending college in the Greater New York area at qualified consortium locations.

Our Programs

Minor in Air & Space Studies

The minor in Air and Space Studies is offered to any Manhattan College undergraduate student completing the full 16 credit hours. The minor not only prepares students with a comprehensive understanding of leadership and military service, but provides any student the opportunity to study in-depth one of our country's instruments of power, the United States military. In addition to studying Air Force and Space Force organizations, missions, and operations, the student will gain a broad perspective of the moral dimensions of the military profession. By studying the history of all DoD services and completing an ethical leadership and national security course, undergraduates will comprehend the emphasis on the key elements of leadership required in the profession of arms. All DAAS courses are conducted at Manhattan College on Fridays. Completion of the minor does not fulfill all commissioning requirements.

Academic Course of Study for the Minor

DAAS 101	Heritage & Values I	1
DAAS 111	Heritage and Values II	1
DAAS 201	Team and Leadership Fundamentals I	1
DAAS 211	Team and Leadership Fundamentals II	1
DAAS 301	Leading People and Effective Communication I	3
DAAS 311	Leading People and Effective Communication II	3
DAAS 401	National Security/Commissioning Preparation I	3
DAAS 411	National Security/Commissioning Preparation II	3
Total Credits		16

AFROTC Classes

The course content for students participating in AFROTC consists of two parts: (1) academic class and (2) leadership lab class (LLAB). The academic classes are completed with the student's peer group (ex. freshman, sophomore, junior, senior); all lower-division courses are one credit hour and upper-division courses are three credit hours. The LLAB portion brings all four-year groups together where students practice a wide array of activities to enhance leadership skills (ex. drill and ceremonies, group leadership projects, and physical fitness). LLAB is a 1-credit hour. Anyone interested in the military, leadership, government, or national security issues is encouraged to register for the academic classes. Students who chose to be active cadets pursuing a commission are required to attend their respective academic class in addition to LLAB.AF

AFROTC Leadership Laboratory Classes

The Leadership Laboratory is a cadet-centered activity held in conjunction with all courses listed above and required for all Air Force ROTC cadets. It provides leadership and followership training experiences that will improve a cadet's ability to perform as an Air Force or Space Force officer.

DAAS 102	Leadership Lab 100 I	1
DAAS 112	Leadership Lab 100 II	1
DAAS 202	Leadership Lab 200 I	1
DAAS 212	Leadership Lab 200 II	1
DAAS 302	Leadership Lab 300 I	1
DAAS 312	Leadership Lab 300 II	1
DAAS 402	Leadership Lab 400 I	1
DAAS 412	Leadership Lab 400 II	1

Scholarships

Highly qualified freshmen and sophomores enrolled as cadets in the AFROTC program can compete nationally for the In-College Scholarship Program. Express Scholarships may be available to students pursuing degrees the Air Force deems "critical" (Engineering and Foreign Languages). Scholarships cover tuition and most fees, \$900 annually for textbooks, and include a monthly stipend (\$300-\$500). For High School seniors, four-

year scholarships are available through www.afrotc.com (<http://www.afrotc.com/>) and applications are due by **February 1** each year.

Advising

For more information about the minor in Air & Space Studies visit our faculty office located in Leo Engineering Bldg room 246. For further information about Air Force ROTC or about the associated scholarship programs, log on to www.afrotc.com (<http://www.afrotc.com/>), email us at afrotc@manhattan.edu, or contact our office at (718) 862-7901.