

USAFA QUICK FACTS

Air Force Academy Mission

- To educate, train, and inspire men and women to become officers of character, motivated to lead the United States Air Force in service to our nation.

About The Cadet Wing/Officer Development

- The Cadet Wing consists of approximately 4,000 cadets.
- Cadets are organized into 40 squadrons, each containing approximately 100 cadets.
- Cadets Squadrons each have one Air Officer Commanding and two Academy Military Trainers assigned as permanent party leadership.
- USAFA assesses approximately 1,200 cadets each summer during Basic Cadet Training. Basic Cadet Training is a six-week program where cadets transition from civilian to military life.
- Approximately 900 - 1,000 cadets graduate each year. This equates to about an 80% graduation rate.
- Cadets must participate in an intercollegiate or intramural sport each semester.
- All cadets receive character development training through honor lessons, seminars and Cadet Wing-wide events such as the annual National Character and Leadership Symposium, Falcon Heritage Forum and other leadership programs.
- During academic year 2012-13, cadets provided 38,000 hours of volunteer and service learning time in the community. USAFA earned the 2013 Presidential Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.
- Military training and leadership programs for the 4,000+ Cadet Wing are led and executed by cadets. Programs range from basic military and field combat skills in Basic Cadet Training, Expeditionary, Survival, and Evasion Training to airmanship programs in Space Operations, Cyber, Unmanned Air Vehicles, Powered Flight, Glider and Freefall Parachute programs.
- Commissioning Education (CE) is responsible for providing USAFA cadets with the first Professional Military Education of their careers. CE instructors educate and train cadets to develop them into leaders and citizens of character to serve the nation. The CE division provides coordinated leadership and policy direction for CE instructors and students.

School Rankings

- U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2014" Rankings
 - #25 National Liberal Arts Colleges
 - #3 Top Public Schools
 - #2 Best Undergraduate-only Business Programs
 - #2 Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (2001-2013)
 - #2 Electrical, Electronic and Communications Engineering
 - #3 High School Counselor Rankings
 - #4 Undergraduate Engineering Program
 - #7 Mechanical Engineering Program
- TheBestSchools.org 50 Best Colleges in the U.S. - Top 10
- Forbes "America's Best Colleges" rankings for 2013
 - #31/650 in undergraduate colleges
- Colorado Professor of the Year - 9 of the last 11 years
- #1 undergraduate-only institution for research and development expenditures: more than \$64 million in FY13

Academics

- Fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- 10 Engineering and Computer Science programs received full six-year ABET Accreditation
- 31 Academic Majors
- 8 to 1 Student to Faculty ratio
- Average class size of 19

- 19 Research Centers, 2 Research Institutes and an Energy Working Group
- 700+ international opportunities per year

Athletics

- About 25% or 1,000 cadets are intercollegiate athletes
- Cadet-athletes have earned 72 NCAA post-graduate scholarships, the second-most nationally in Division I athletics
- Cadet-athletes have earned 11 Rhodes Scholarships, the most recent being Brittany Morreale of cross country in 2009
- The football team has won 13 National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame scholarships
- Air Force has had six athletes inducted into the Academic All-American Hall of Fame, more than any other school in the country. Athletes inducted include: Brock Strom (football), Rich Mayo (football), Michelle Johnson (women's basketball), Chad Hennings (football), Chris Howard (football) and Lance Pilch (baseball)
- 432 athletes earned Academic All-Mountain West Conference honors since the fall of 2003
- Collectively, 167 cadet-athletes earned CoSIDA and Coaches Academic All-American honors a total of 243 times
- The Academy has produced 178 individual national champions
- The Academy has had 615 individual athletes achieve athletic All-American status a total of 1,350 times

Financial Statistics

- FY12 impact to the surrounding community: \$898.8 million
- Total Cost per USAFA Graduate: \$444,984
 - Cost of education is \$46,392 per year
- Each cadet receives approximately \$929 monthly pay that covers the cost of uniforms, books and supplies, with a modest amount left for personal spending.

Post-Graduation Statistics

- Total # grads - 46,039
- Commission 23% of the officer force, yet graduates comprise 46% of the general officer ranks
- Approximately 45-50% of Academy graduates enter flight training after graduation.
- Number of doctors: more than 600
- Number of general officers: 598
- Number of Chiefs of Staff of the United States Air Force (CSAF): 4 (Gen Ronald R. Fogelman `63; Gen Michael E. Ryan `65; Gen Norton A. Schwartz `73 and Gen Mark A. Welsh, III `76)
- Number of astronauts: 39
- Members of Congress: 1 (Former Rep Heather Wilson `82 from New Mexico)
- Graduate scholarships given every year average between 6-8% of each graduating class
- Types of graduate scholarships won:

37 Rhodes	15 Marshall	42 Hertz
18 Truman	76 Olmsted	47 Fulbright Hayes
12 Holaday (to Oxford University)		

- In 2013, 19 went to Medical School
- 3 went to Nursing School
- 1 went to Dental School
- 1 went to Physical Therapy School
- 1 went to Physician Assistant Program
- 2 went to Law School

**Class of 2017 profile
Applicants**

**Total
9,706**

**Cadet Wing Profile (Fall 2013)
Men**

**Total
3,054**

Qualified Candidates	2,277	Women	986
Total Admitted	1,190	Minorities (%)	26.4%
Minorities	30%	African-American (%)	7.9%
Women	22%	Hispanic (%)	8.4%
Average High School GPA	3.83	Asian/Pacific Islander (%)	9.1%
SAT Verbal	642	Native American (%)	1.0%
SAT Math	669	Pilot-Qualified (%)	47.4%
ACT English	30	Navigator-Qualified (%)	12.0%
ACT Reading	30	Commision-Qualified (%)	36.5%
ACT Math	30	Prep School (%)	10.7%
ACT Science Reasoning	30	Falcon Foundation (%)	6.5%
Athletic Letter Award	82%	Enlisted (%)	3.7%
National Honor Society	65%	1st Gen College (%)	13.4%
Eagle Scout	14%	Miliary Parent(s) (%)	41%
Class President or VP	17%	International Cadets	78
Boys/Girls State or Nation	22%	Countries Represented	32
Valedictorian/Salutatorian	11%	Four-year International Cadets	58
JROTC	11%	Spring Semester Interational Cadets	5

Current as of May 2014