



2021 Cadet Intro Day

## How do we Start?

We recommend taking the following steps:

- Contact our office early to get your student on the contact list. This will keep them up to date with current information and help them connect with other incoming cadets.
- Go to the Events page on our website to sign up for in-processing, and view the list of documents they need to bring with them.
- Consider choosing the “AFROTC Living, Learning Community” during dorm selection to live with fellow cadets.
- During university freshman orientation, have their Academic Advisor enroll them in AS 1011 and AS 1102.
- Attend Cadet Intro Day after dorm move-in for a glimpse at cadet life. (Cadets Only)
- Establish a solid line of communication between yourself and your cadet. Cadres are not permitted to discuss your student’s progress with you once they begin the program due to federal FERPA (student privacy) law and Air Force regulation.

## MSU AFROTC Det 425

### About Us

Detachment 425 is a training environment for students wanting to serve their country in the Air Force or Space Force. We host a dynamic learning environment under the guidance of Air Force officers and student leaders. AFROTC offers scholarship opportunities during college, and upon successful completion guarantees your son or daughter a job after college. Detachment 425 provides top tier training in preparation for that future.

For more details, or to speak with an officer about the program, please visit our website or call/email to set up a visit.

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# MSU AFROTC Det 425

*A Parent's Guide to Life as an  
AFROTC Cadet!*



## What does the AFROTC Program look like?

AFROTC is not a club; it is a commissioning program with an academic curriculum that confers a minor in Aerospace Studies. The following is the typical four-year progression:

**GMC (General Military Course):** For the first two years, the focus is on Air Force history and traditions, basic leadership skills, and the first steps towards strong leadership: followership. Freshmen (AS100s) and Sophomores (AS200s) attend one hour classroom, two hours LLab\*, and 2-3 hours PT weekly each semester.

*Note: Unless your cadet is on AFROTC scholarship, there is NO service commitment in the first two yrs.*

**Summer between AS200 and AS300 Year:** Field Training – two weeks of “AFROTC boot camp” where your cadet will be trained and evaluated by Air Force staff. Following Field Training, cadets will contract to serve on active duty.

**\*LLab: Leadership Lab** is hands-on training where upperclassmen teach GMC basic skills in drill & ceremonies, followership, leadership, and problem solving under the supervision of active duty officer cadre.

**POC (Professional Officer Course):** The next two years are focused on hands-on leadership training. Juniors (AS300s) will take their first formal leadership roles in the Cadet Wing, training the GMC cadets. Seniors (AS400s) form the command structure of the Cadet Wing, building and executing the semester’s training plan. POC cadets attend 3 hrs classroom, 3 hrs LLab\*, and 2-3 hrs PT weekly each semester.

*Note: Most students in a tech major will take 5 yrs to graduate. Those students are called extended cadets. They will attend LLab and PT, but do not take the academic class.*

**Commissioning:** Upon graduation, cadets will commission as Second Lieutenants in the Air Force or Space Force

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*“Mission first. People always.”*

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## Opportunities & Skill Sets

Opportunities:

- Scholarships
- Aviation Training – Aircraft and Sim
- Base Visits
- Interactions with Active Duty Officers
- Special Competitive Programs

Skill Sets:

- Time Management Skills
- Honor: Integrity, Service, Excellence
- Teamwork
- Leadership and Followership



## Frequently Asked Questions

**Are AFROTC cadets considered active duty?**

**A:** No; they will not go on active duty until after they graduate and commission.

**If my student joins, are they committed?**

**A:** No; there is **no commitment** during the first two years (unless the student accepts an AFROTC scholarship)

**How does my student apply for a scholarship?**

**A:** There will be three opportunities to earn a scholarship during the first two years. It is based on cadet ranking, GPA, and fitness. Eligible cadets will be nominated by cadre

**Does my student need to be a specific major?**

**A:** No; any major is acceptable.

**Does my student have to start as a freshman?**

**A:** No; they can start as a sophomore. However, it is highly recommended to join as a freshman.

**What is the commitment after graduation?**

**A:** Typically 4 yrs active duty for most jobs, but longer for aviation and special operations.