

U.S. AIR FORCE
OFFICER TECHNICAL CAREERS





TECHNOLOGY LEADER

What does it take to fly an F-22 undetected into enemy territory beneath a shield of darkness or launch a global positioning system satellite into space to combat global terrorist threats? What does it take to maintain the greatest Air Force in the world? The answer — YOU.

Being on the forefront of technology, the Air Force needs dedicated people to help defend our nation through air, space and cyberspace.

Use your degree to open a world of exciting possibilities where you not only make a real difference in your life, but in others as well. As an Air Force officer your leadership and management skills are more than just resume fillers. They're highly valued by Airmen who rely on your guidance and judgment.

CAREER FIELDS

Our technical specialty career fields are critical to the Air Force mission. Each job carries its own unique challenges and opportunities offering you important professional growth and experience you can use in the civilian world.

We need officers in these technical career fields:

- Acquisition Manager
- Developmental Engineer (aeronautical, astronautical, computer systems, electrical/electronic, mechanical and project)
- Engineer (architectural, civil, electrical, environmental, general and mechanical)
- Scientist (analytical, behavioral, chemist and physicist)
- Weather

If you're an electrical engineer your expertise may be used to help maintain our billion-dollar satellite control network and space launch control system.

If you have a scientific background you may be assigned to the Air Force Research Laboratory where you'll work with laser, microwave and advanced optics technologies to develop innovative weapons systems.

Since weather can severely impact military operations, if you're a weather officer, you may be called upon to direct critical weather intelligence and develop meteorological studies and research for the Department of Defense and allied nations.

These are just a few of the many job possibilities in the Air Force. Your recruiter can provide you with detailed information on current career field openings and specific degree requirements.

ELIGIBILITY

To be considered for a career as an Air Force officer, you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen
- Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution
- Be 18-34 years of age
- Meet physical requirements
- Have a good moral character
- Score competitively on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test
- Be commissioned before age 35

Applicants are evaluated for character, academic accomplishments, community service and leadership potential.

Selection is competitive and based on your desires, qualifications, degree and the needs of the Air Force.

BASIC OFFICER TRAINING

If selected, you'll attend Basic Officer Training (BOT) at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. BOT is a fast-paced, intensive 12-week course that will strengthen your confidence and help you discover your true potential.

BOT is extremely challenging — but it's worth it. You'll "cross the blue line" in a ceremony signifying your acceptance of the challenges awaiting you. The goal of BOT is to prepare you to lead with vision, honor and integrity.

Your studies will include communication, leadership, management, military history, and Air Force customs and courtesies. You'll attend field-training exercises and overcome obstacles in a simulated deployment environment. Physical conditioning and sports will further develop your confidence and teamwork abilities.

Upon graduation you'll be commissioned as an Air Force second lieutenant with a service commitment of four years. After BOT most newly commissioned officers receive specialized training in their Air Force job. The length of schooling depends on the career specialty.



BENEFITS

Air Force benefits are hard to beat. You'll enjoy an excellent starting salary with regular pay raises, 30 days of vacation with pay each year, tax-free housing and food allowances, comprehensive medical and dental care, opportunities for advanced education at little or no cost to you, worldwide travel, and job security. Most importantly, you'll have the satisfaction of serving your country.

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