



*Welcome to the*  
**UNITED STATES  
AIR FORCE  
ACADEMY**

**OUR MISSION . . .**

Is to educate and train young men for leadership in the United States Air Force.

**ADMISSIONS INFORMATION**

Information concerning eligibility and entrance requirements may be obtained by writing to the Director of Admissions and Registrar USAFA Colorado 80840.

Please drive carefully and obey posted speed limits.

## MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM

Military instruction begins the day a young man enters the Academy as a basic cadet. He participates in a rugged summer program of physical conditioning, military drill, and field exercises.

As a Fourth Classman (freshman) the cadet learns his first lessons in being a follower. In his upperclass years he assumes responsibility for instructing other cadets



and directing units within the Cadet Wing. Also, as an upperclassman, he studies the interworking of the US Armed Forces and foreign countries.

At a field encampment near the Academy, cadets participate in air base defense exercises. Survival techniques in a hostile environment are taught realistically in the mountains adjacent to the Air Force Academy.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

The 18,000-acre Air Force Academy lies on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains' Rampart Range about 10 miles north of Colorado Springs.



The Academy was authorized by Congress 1 April 1954. First class entered in 1955, at temporary facilities at Lowry Air Force Base, Denver. Cadet Wing moved to its present facilities in August 1958. First class graduated in June 1959.

In addition to the cadet area, the Academy has two housing areas with more than 1,400 homes for support personnel, a high school and two elementary schools, a shopping center, hospital, Academy Preparatory School, vehicle and supply area, golf course, and a small landing strip used for light plane flying, glider soaring, and parachuting.

The chief tourist attraction is the 17-spire, all-faith Cadet Chapel which is 150 feet tall and is divided into sections (chapels) for Protestant, Catholic, Jewish, and other faiths. The Chapel was completed in 1963.

The Air Force Academy is a wildlife management area having more than 20 species of wildlife on the spacious acres which vary in altitude from 6,300 feet at Interstate 25 to 7,800 feet along the Rampart Range.



## ACADEMIC PROGRAM

Intellectual preparation for leadership is the purpose of the Academy's academic program. The curriculum provides four years of academic education in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences, and humanities. Each cadet completes a sequence of core courses totaling  $140\frac{1}{2}$  semester hours. In addition to the core curriculum each cadet must complete approximately  $46\frac{1}{2}$  semester hours to earn an academic major in one of 28 different subject areas. Successful completion of 187 semester hours, including military and leadership training and physical education leads to an accredited bachelor of science degree and a commission in the Regular Air Force.

Elective courses are available to those cadets who have the ability to complete extra work. The electives include graduate-level courses which can be applied toward a Master's degree.

## ATHLETIC PROGRAM

The Air Force Academy conducts a well-rounded athletic program including intercollegiate sports, intramurals, and a carefully developed physical education program.

Varsity athletes can participate on one or more of 18 teams during the year. The intercollegiate schedule includes leading universities across the nation. All cadets not engaged in a varsity sport are required to participate in intramural competition. The 40 cadet squadrons field a team in each of the 15 intramural sports. In intramurals, cadets are able to exhibit skills learned in physical education classes. They also learn individual sports which they may continue to pursue after graduation such as tennis, golf, squash, handball, paddleball, and swimming.



## AIRMANSHIP



Many Air Force Academy cadets enjoy the bird-like flight of sailplanes from the Academy Airstrip. Cadets may earn FAA private and commercial and flight instructor sailplane ratings.



Basic airborne training is a popular course with Academy cadets. Four advanced courses in parachuting are offered. The Air Force Academy parachuting teams were intercollegiate champs in 1969 and 1970.

A single engine T-41 aircraft is used in the Air Force Academy's light plane flying program. The Flying program, started in 1968, includes 36½ hours of instruction for a private FAA pilot's license and is open to senior cadets.



Navigation training in T-29 aircraft is available (an elective course) to cadets in the upper three classes. The training gives cadets a basic understanding and appreciation of aerial navigation as a career specialty. Many cadets take their first Air Force flight in a T-33 jet trainer soon after they arrive at the Air Force Academy. Flight indoctrination in the T-33 is part of the Academy's airmanship program which also includes pilot, navigation, soaring, and parachuting training. The airmanship program is a distinctive feature of the Air Force Academy