General

Army or Air Force ROTC scholarships and other financial assistance may be available to qualified students who plan to be enrolled for at least two years. Interested students may obtain information about current programs from one of the following ROTC offices: The University of Alabama, Professor of Military Science, Box 870260, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0260; or Air Force ROTC Detachment 10, The University of Alabama, Box 870258, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0258.

Air Force ROTC

An Air Force officer's commission is available to graduate students through the Air Force ROTC Two-Year Program. If other qualifications are met, a student with at least two full years of full-time coursework remaining (in either graduate studies or a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses) can apply for entry into the Professional Officer Course (POC).

Applicants must favorably complete the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, pass a medical physical, pass a physical fitness test and have at least a 2.0 GPA. Students selected to enter the cadet corps will be scheduled for a summer field training encampment prior to entry into the POC. Field training camps are conducted at Air Force bases throughout the United States. Successful completion of field training qualifies the student to enter the POC. The student then completes the last two academic years of graduate and/or undergraduate studies, taking one 3-hour Air Force studies (AFS) class and a leadership laboratory each semester in order to gain an officer's commission upon completion of studies. Cadets in the POC are paid a $350–400 stipend per month during the academic year and may be eligible for academic scholarships. To apply, contact The University of Alabama, AFROTC DET010, Box 870258, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0258, or call (205) 348-5900 prior to planned entry into Air Force ROTC.

Course descriptions may be found in The University of Alabama undergraduate catalog.

Army ROTC

Army officer’s commissions are available to graduate students through the Army ROTC two-year option. A student with at least two years of full-time coursework remaining (in either graduate studies or a combination of undergraduate and graduate courses) can apply for the Advanced ROTC Program. Students will be required to take three ROTC classes each semester while completing their graduate or undergraduate studies. Advanced ROTC Program students must attend the Leader’s Development Assessment course between the first and second years of enrollment, for which they will be paid one-half the pay of a second lieutenant ($887.00). Students are paid a monthly tax-free subsistence allowance ($450.00 per month during the first year and $500.00 per month the second year) while enrolled in the Advanced ROTC Program. Full-tuition scholarships are available to qualified students who commission before age 27. To apply, contact The University of Alabama, ROTC Department, Box 870260, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0260; or call (205) 348-1056.

Course descriptions may be found in The University of Alabama Undergraduate Catalog.

Readmission of Service Members

The University complies with laws concerning readmission of service members.

A student who has been admitted to or enrolled in The University of Alabama Graduate School may ask for a military leave to fulfill a U.S. military obligation. The student should notify the Dean of the Graduate School of a call to military service and provide documentation. Upon return from military service, the student also should notify the Dean of the Graduate School of the intent to return to graduate school and provide documentation of honorable discharge.

A student called to active military duty, unless dishonorably discharged, and eligible for readmission as defined by law, will receive an extension of the degree time limit equal to the term of eligible service, with a cap on the number of years in the extension. The extension is subject to the 5-year limit as applicable to readmission provisions in the Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 (Section 484C of the HEA) and implementing regulations in 34 CFR Section 668.18.