



# USAFA FACT SHEET

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## SCHOOL RANKINGS

- US News & World Report's "America's Best Colleges 2008" Rankings
  - #1 Baccalaureate College in the West (2008)
  - #1 in Undergraduate Business Management Program (2008)
  - #2 in Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering (2002-2008)
  - #7 in Undergraduate Engineering (2008)
  - #7 in Civil Engineering (2008)
  - #8 in Electrical Engineering (2008)
- Princeton Review's "The Best 366 Colleges" rankings for 2007
  - #1 – Professors make themselves accessible (2006-2008)
  - #10 – College Library (2006)
  - #12 – Overall academic experience for undergraduates (2006)
  - #14 – Academic Improvement (Their Students Never Stop Studying) (2008)
  - #14 – Everyone plays intramural sports (2006)
  - *Best Western Colleges 2007*: USAFA is one of the 123 colleges named a "Best Western College" by The Princeton Review. This list identifies some of the colleges and universities that The Princeton Review feels stand out within each region.
  - *America's Best Value College 2007*: USAFA is one of the colleges designated as one of the best overall bargains—based on cost and financial aid—among the most academically outstanding colleges in the nation.
- Leadership Excellence Magazine - #2 Government/Military Leadership Development Institute

## ACADEMICS

- 32 Academic Majors
- 8 to 1 Student to Faculty ratio
- Average class size of 20
- Full-time faculty: 100%
- Acceptance rate: ≈18%

## FINANCIAL STATISTICS

- Total Cost per USAFA Graduate: \$387,000
- Each cadet receives approximately \$864 monthly pay that covers the cost of uniforms, books and supplies, with a modest amount left for personal spending and a savings account.
- Medical and dental care is provided at no expense to cadets or parents

## ABOUT CADETS

- In Academic Year 2008-09, over 90% of cadets will participate in the Academy's parachute or glider programs
- Every cadet currently receives 118 hours of character and honor education in a 4 year career. This equates to 130,000 contact hours of character education delivered annually.
- During Academic Year 2006-07, cadets provided nearly 40,000 hours of class and volunteer time to the community. USAFA has been nominated for the 2007 Presidential Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.



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## POST-GRADUATION STATISTICS

- Total # grads **39,786** (first class graduated in 1959)
- Commission 23% of the officer force, yet graduates comprise 52% of the general officer ranks
- More than half of Academy graduates may choose flight training. These graduates serve in approximately 15 flying-related careers as pilots, navigators or air battle managers. For graduates who enter non-flying careers, here are the percentages entering the various career fields:
 

<u>Category/Specialty</u>	<u>% of Non-Flying</u>
Operations (e.g. Air Traffic Controller, Space Operations, etc.)	18%
Scientific/Technical (e.g. Civil Engineering, Communications, etc.)	38%
Sortie Generation/Logistics (e.g. Missile Maintenance, Intelligence, etc.)	20%
Mission Support (e.g. Personnel, Security Police, Public Affairs, Health Services, etc.)	24%
- Number of Chief Executive Officers: over 700
- Number of Doctors: over 500
- Number of General Officers: 471
- Number of Chiefs of Staff of the United States Air Force (CSAF): 3 (Gen Ronald R. Fogelman, 1963; Gen Michael E. Ryan, 1965; and Gen John M. Loh, 1960, who served as acting CSAF Sept. 18, 1990 - Oct. 29, 1990)
- Number of Astronauts: 37 including Brig Gen Susan B Helms '80 and Col Karol Bobko '59
- 1 Congresswoman: Rep Heather Wilson '82 for the state of New Mexico
- Graduate Scholarships given every year average between 6%-8% of graduating class
- Types of Graduate Scholarships won:
 

35 Rhodes	9 Marshall
12 Truman	76 Olmstead
38 Fulbright Hayes	6 Alberta Holiday
36 Hertz	64 NCAA
- Grads in Medical School for 2007
  - 17 went to Medical School and 2 went to Dental/Nursing School
- Athletic Achievements
  - The Academy has produced 169 individual national champions
  - Cadet-athletes have earned 64 NCAA post-graduate scholarships, the second-most nationally in Division I athletics
  - Air Force has had six athletes inducted into the Academic All-American Hall of Fame, more than any other school in the country
  - 1 Olympic Gold Medal winner-Alonzo Babers '83 (400 meter and 4X400)
  - 1 Outland Trophy winner- Chad Hennings '87 (3 Super Bowl Championships with the Dallas Cowboys)
  - 1 NBA coaching legend- Gregg Popovich, San Antonio Spurs (including 4 NBA Titles)
  - AFA has produced eleven NFL players including Bryce Fisher, '98 of the Tennessee Titans
  - Dana Pounds '06 Javelin Thrower in World Class Athlete Program
    - Claimed a gold medal at the 2007 AT&T USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships
    - Won USA javelin title, 2007
    - Finished fourth at Pan American Games, 2007