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University College serves both undecided students who are exploring the University's options before selecting a major and degree program and students who are seeking the Bachelor of Specialized Studies, the Bachelor of Criminal Justice, or associate's degrees.

University College advances the mission of Ohio University by providing institutional leadership across colleges to promote teaching and learning. The College provides a number of University-wide services. University College staff members manage orientation and advising programs, such as Precollege, that assist you in reviewing your interests, planning academic programs, and adjusting to University life. In addition, it oversees the University's general education program and fosters student success through such initiatives as learning communities, and study skills and tutoring programs.

Admission Requirements
Any Ohio University student who has fewer than 90 credit hours can be admitted to University College as an undecided student. A separate application is required to enter the Associate in Individualized Studies program, the Bachelor of Criminal Justice program, and the Bachelor of Specialized Studies program. See descriptions of each program later in this section for additional information.

Advising
No single activity of University College is given a higher priority than academic advising. University College faculty advisors and professional advisors strive to inform you about academic options and to assist you with decisions about how you can best use the University to promote your learning and development.

Undecided students, or those who wish to investigate academic options before selecting a major, are admitted to University College. Undecided first-year students typically are assigned two advisors. One is a member of the faculty; the other is a member of the University College professional advising staff. Both will provide information and advice about University programs, choosing a major program of study, and University requirements. You should consult with your advisor about course selection before preregistration each quarter. While advisor conferences are particularly important during preregistration, it is recommended that you maintain regular contact with your advisor for assistance with concerns related to academic and career planning. If you are an associate's degree, specialized studies, criminal justice, or nondegree student, you are also assigned a University College advisor to help you plan an appropriate program. In addition, students in any other college may seek out a University College advisor when their questions touch on University-wide issues or University College programs, or when they are investigating a change of program.

If you are in University College as an undecided student but have a tentative major in mind, you should refer to those requirements outlined elsewhere in this catalog. If you are interested in determining your progress toward one or more majors, the college office can provide you with a "what if" checklist for that major to answer these questions.

Your faculty advisor assists in the preparation of a schedule each quarter so that you select the proper sequence of courses in the major and appropriately related courses. However, it is the student's responsibility to know and follow current requirements and procedures at the departmental, college, and university levels.

Academic and Other Requirements

Declaring a Major
If you are a University College undecided student, you are required to move into a major program by the time you have earned 90 credit hours (junior rank). Students who have earned more than 90 hours and are still undecided, including new transfer students, will not be permitted to register for subsequent quarters. All majors require you to complete residency hours, which may be up to two years.
Academic Probation
If you are placed on probation during your first year at Ohio University, whether you are a freshman or a transfer student, you will be required to complete an Academic Success Workshop. This workshop will provide information and strategies to help you return to good academic standing.

Special Programs
College Adjustment Program (CAP)
CAP has provided services and opportunities to help qualified Ohio University students adjust to the challenges of college life since 1979. Along the way, CAP has developed a strong record of aiding in student retention and graduation. CAP is located in the Academic Advancement Center (101 Alden Library) and is supported by Ohio University and by a Student Support Services TRIO grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

The following are some examples of the services CAP offers to assist students as they work toward graduation:
- Special academic courses in learning strategies, reading skills, and computing
- Free individual tutoring
- Math workshops to help students prepare for the Tier I quantitative skills requirement
- An instructional computer lab
- In-depth, one-on-one academic advising
- Career planning and guidance
- Intensive support for students on probation
- Peer advisors to help you find your way
- Tickets to unique cultural and social events on campus and around town

Eligibility for CAP is determined according to a two tier system. Students must satisfy both tiers to be eligible for CAP. As CAP is a small program, space is limited and eligibility does not guarantee admission. CAP serves approximately 275 students annually.

Tier 1: To meet this requirement a student must demonstrate an academic need. This is defined as:
- having an ACT Composite less than or equal to 22 or
- having an SAT Combined Score less than or equal to 1100 or
- being ranked in the bottom 60% of his/her high school class or
- possessing a General Education Diploma (GED) or
- being on academic probation (continuing students)

If a student satisfies the Tier 1 requirement, s/he must also meet at least one of the Tier 2 requirements.

Tier 2: To satisfy this requirement a student must:
- be a first generation college student (neither parent graduated from a four-year school) or
- come from a family whose income meets federal guidelines for low-income level or
- have a documented disability and be registered with Ohio University’s Office of Disability Services

Applicants must also be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

Most students are admitted to CAP prior to the start of their first quarter at Ohio University. Continuing students who meet the eligibility requirements may be admitted as long as they have earned fewer than 60 hours of credit. For more information about CAP please logon to http://www.ohio.edu/aac/cap/. You may also contact the Academic Advancement Center at 740.593.2644 or the CAP Coordinator via e-mail at lesterj@ohio.edu.

General Education
In 1979 the faculty of Ohio University adopted a comprehensive General Education Program required of all baccalaureate degree students (see Graduation Requirements-University-wide). University College is responsible for coordinating this program. The goal of general education is to broaden and enrich the educational experience of all undergraduate students.

Precollege Orientation
Each summer, University College conducts Precollege Orientation, designed to acquaint you and your parents with the programs of the University. You will meet with faculty, staff, and student advisors to plan an academic program, complete a class schedule, and register for your first quarter. You will also learn about the wide variety of social and group activities available on campus while becoming acquainted with other students in your college. Orientation programs are also held before the winter, spring, and summer quarters for first-year and transfer students.

First-Year Seminar Course
University College sponsors a special course open to first-year students, UC 115 The University Experience. The course is designed to help first-year students adjust to the new experiences of university life and take advantage of what the University offers. Topics covered include University resources, critical thinking, University policies and procedures, and academic major selection. The course includes writing activities, such as journals and one or more short papers. Especially recommended for undecided and first-generation college students.

Learning Communities
Learning communities allow first-year students the opportunity to have the benefits of a small college atmosphere while experiencing Ohio University’s large campus culture. Participation in a learning community guarantees students 2–4 common freshman courses for fall quarter. Each community has no more than 25 students. As a result, participating students develop cohesive relationships with their peers and have enriched interaction with faculty. Participation in a learning community will give you the opportunity to engage in academic as well as social activities with members of your community.

For more information please visit our Web site at http://www.ohio.edu/rlc/ or contact:
Director, Learning Community Programs
Ohio University, Chubb Hall 140
740.593.1935
E-mail: rlc@www.ohio.edu

University Professor Award Program
Another of University College’s efforts to enhance and reward undergraduate teaching and learning is the University Professor Award Program. To acknowledge outstanding undergraduate teaching, Ohio University students nominate and select University Professors on the Athens campus each year. University Professors are tenure-track faculty members who have demonstrated teaching excellence.

Upon selection by the student University Professor Selection Committee and final appointment by the provost, each professor is granted a release from part of his or her normal teaching duties and receives $2,000 for professional development. The University Professor uses this opportunity to develop and teach two classes of his or her own choosing and design.

The University Professor Selection Committee consists of representatives from the undergraduate student body.
Degrees Offered

Bachelor of Criminal Justice

Major code BC2209

The upper-division Criminal Justice program is designed for students who have previously completed an associate's degree program in a technical area related to criminal justice, such as law enforcement, corrections technology, police administration, legal assisting, or human services. If you hold such a degree from a technical or community college, or from a regional campus of Ohio University, you are eligible to apply to the Criminal Justice program and may earn a baccalaureate degree by completing a minimum of 80 additional hours of Ohio University work.

This program offers students with technical education background the opportunity to broaden their exposure to liberal higher education while acquiring the necessary specialization to quality for careers in such fields as parole and probation, forensic science, adult and juvenile corrections, and police administration. Criminal justice students also may prepare for law school or for further study in graduate or professional schools.

The flexible multi-disciplinary curriculum is composed of a broad range of courses from the social and behavioral sciences, humanities, natural sciences, and professional disciplines, all of which make a contribution to the complex field of criminal justice. You may individualize your program of study to a significant degree through elective courses.

To enter the Criminal Justice program, you must complete a separate degree application form in addition to the application to the University and submit a college transcript showing that you have completed an associate's degree in an appropriate technical field. Applications are available from the University College office or any regional campus student services office. Upon admission, you will be assigned an academic advisor who will assist you in completing your approved program of study.

Bachelor of Criminal Justice students may earn departmental honors through University College. Students must have an accumulated g.p.a. within the top 20 percent of BCJ students to be eligible for departmental honors. An honors thesis is required. Guidelines and an application are available from the college office.

Degree requirements:
1. Earn 192 credit hours, including at least 80 hours of Ohio University work.
2. Must complete at least 45 hours at the 300 level or above.
3. Complete the General Education Requirements (Tier I, II, III). Some courses taken to complete the associate's degree may be equivalent to courses that fulfill these requirements.
4. Complete the BCJ core and no fewer than 9 courses from within the following BCJ Major Requirement areas:

BCJ Core:
Three of the following courses:
POLS 409,
SOC 260, SOC 362, SOC 366.

BCJ Major Requirements:
Area I: Basic skills. Three courses, one each from A, B, and C—(A) ENG 350J, 380J, PRCM 325J; (B) COMS 215, 304, POLS 488; (C) COMS 301, PSY 221, QBA 201, SOC 351, SW 350.
Area II: Social and political systems. Two courses, one each from A and

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Area III: Human behavior. Two courses, one each from A and B. Do not take both SOC 210 and PSY 336—(A) PSY 233, PSY 332, PSY 336 or SOC 210, SW 380, SOC 311; (B) POLS 301, 306, 404, 410, 471, SW 390, SOC 309, 364.

Area IV: Organization skills and management. Two courses, one each from A and B—(A) ACCT 101, HRM 202, POLS 210, 412; (B) BUWL 255, 356, HRM 425, MGT 340, POLS 414, PSY 261, SOC 430.

At least 50 percent of the BCJ Major Requirements (Areas I, II, III, and IV) must be completed by using Ohio University coursework.

Recommended electives:
AAS 440; CS 120 or MIS 201; MATH 307; COMS 205, 306, 405, 410, 420, 422; POLS 302, 401, 402; PSY 273; SOC 367, 464, 467; SW 382.

You choose the remaining hours beyond the core and major requirements in consultation with an academic advisor on the basis of your educational goals and career interests. Internship and field experience programs may be arranged for qualified students without prior professional experience in criminal justice.

Courses taken to complete the associate's degree cannot additionally fulfill BCJ major requirements (Areas I, II, III, and IV) for the baccalaureate degree.

Bachelor of Specialized Studies

Major code BS1112

The Bachelor of Specialized Studies program affords undergraduate students at Ohio University the opportunity to design an area of concentration, which stands as the equivalent of an established major. The program permits you to combine available curricula to create a unique field of study.

Typically, the Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree is not an appropriate degree program for someone who has previously completed a bachelor's degree. In special circumstances, a person who has completed a prior bachelor's degree may petition the Director of Degree Programs to seek permission to apply for and complete the BSS degree. The BSS program is not an appropriate choice as a second degree program (double major).

The Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree program reflects the recognition that degree programs, as varied as they are at Ohio University, cannot satisfy the legitimate educational requirements of all students. Through specialized studies, you may construct an individualized degree.

To enter the specialized studies program, you must complete an application, available in the University College office, the University College Web site (http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/special.htm), or at a regional campus student services office, and have it reviewed by a University College advisor, Adult Learning Services Advisor, or regional campus student services staff member. You must consult with and gain approval from two faculty members in the preparation of your program, one of whom must be from your area of concentration. The faculty members must be Group 1 or 2. Final admission is granted only upon successful review of the application by the Bachelor of Specialized Studies review committee, which meets quarterly to consider applications. You will receive a letter indicating the decision of the review committee.

As a student in the Bachelor of Specialized Studies program, you may complete one or more academic minors if the courses taken to meet the minor requirements are not included in the Bachelor of Specialized Studies area of concentration plan. You need to indicate your intention to complete a minor at the time you submit your Bachelor of Specialized Studies application.
Up to 48 hours of credit earned through the Experiential Learning Program may be applied to the Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree program. A maximum of 44 quarter hours from the College of Business may be included in a Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree program.

Bachelor of Specialized Studies students may earn departmental honors through University College. Students must have an accumulated g.p.a. within the top 20 percent of B.S.S. students to be eligible to earn departmental honors. An honors thesis is required. Guidelines and an application are available from the college office or on the Web, http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/honors.html.

To submit an application to the specialized studies program for consideration, you must

1. Be currently enrolled as a degree-seeking student.
2. Have achieved sophomore or higher rank.
3. Have earned an accumulative g.p.a. of 2.0 or above.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Specialized Studies degree, you must:

1. Earn 192 credit hours, of which at least 80 must be courses with catalog numbers at the 300 level or above as shown in this catalog.
2. Complete no fewer than 45 credit hours of credit (the degree residency requirement) after being admitted to the specialized studies program. This total excludes any transfer, transient, Course Credit by Examination, Independent Study coursework, etc., for which the initial registration occurred prior to application to the specialized studies program.
3. Complete a minimum of 45 credit hours in the self-designed area of concentration approved by the Bachelor of Specialized Studies review committee. The area of concentration can include courses that are completed, current, and planned at the time of application. The courses included as current and planned in the concentration become requirements for graduation subject to change only by prior permission from a University College advisor and, in some cases, the Bachelor of Specialized Studies review committee. At least 50 percent (23 hours) of the minimum 45 hours required for the BSS Area of Concentration must be completed by using Ohio University coursework.
4. Complete the University General Education Requirements.
5. Complete the minimum of 48 credit hours of Ohio University coursework to satisfy the University residence requirement.

To have current credit hours included as part of the 45 hour B.S.S. residency requirement, applications must be submitted by the last day of classes in fall, winter, spring quarter, or the full-term summer session.

Programs and Courses

SPST 425: Senior Seminar
In a small, interactive class environment, B.S.S. seniors work with each other, Ohio University graduates, and University College faculty and staff to reflect on students’ academic experiences and prepare for life beyond Ohio University. Open to all B.S.S. seniors, the course is taught each winter and spring quarters on the Athens campus. This course is offered via correspondence through the Distance Learning Office.

SPST 490: Internship
This course is available to all B.S.S. students who develop work or volunteer experience related to their B.S.S. curriculum and who desire to earn up to 10 credit hours for their experience. An internship proposal and a 2.5 accumulative g.p.a. is required. Applications are available on the Web (http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/internship.html) and in University College, 140 Chubb Hall.

The Richard Brackin Scholarship
A $750 scholarship awarded each spring to a non-traditional B.S.S. student. Applications are available from a B.S.S. advisor or on the Web (http://www.ohiou.edu/univcollege/degree/brackin.html).

Special Projects Fund
B.S.S. students may apply for funding for up to $500 to support a research project or experiential learning activity related to their programs of study. An application is required and may be obtained from an advisor or on the Web (http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/spf.html).

Associate’s Degrees

General Requirements
The minimum requirement for an associate’s degree is the completion of 96 credits with a 2.0 accumulative g.p.a. at graduation. A maximum of 24 credits earned through the Experiential Learning Program may be applied to any associate’s degree. You must earn at least 30 quarter hours of resident credit at Ohio University; if you complete fewer than 60 quarter hours of Ohio University credit, you must earn at least 8 of your final 15 hours as resident credit. In addition, you must complete Tier I freshman-level requirements in English composition and quantitative skills.

Information about all associate’s degree programs is available through either the regional campuses or University College. If you plan to pursue an associate’s degree, you must consult with a University College staff member or a student services staff member at one of the regional campuses.

If you plan to earn an associate’s degree, you must complete an Application for Update of Program(s), available from any college office or regional campus student services office.

If you are currently enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program and want to earn an associate’s degree as well, you must complete an Application for Update of Program(s) to add the associate’s degree program as a secondary code. Your records will remain in your current college. If you plan to earn a baccalaureate degree after earning the associate’s degree, you must complete an Application for Update of Program(s) to add the bachelor’s degree program as a primary code.

Policy on Second Associate’s Degrees
You are not permitted to earn both the A.A. and A.S. degrees. If you have already earned the A.I.S. degree, you are not permitted to earn either the A.A. or A.S. degree. If an A.A. or A.S. has been completed previously, you will not be permitted to complete the A.I.S.

Application Toward Bachelor’s Degree
Credit earned while enrolled in an Ohio University associate’s degree program will be applied toward an Ohio University baccalaureate program.

If you intend to complete a baccalaureate degree, you should consult with a University College advisor or on the Web (http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/associates.html).

Associate’s Degree After a Baccalaureate Degree
Typically, the Associate in Individualized Studies degree is not an appropriate degree program for someone who has previously completed a bachelor’s degree. In special
circumstances, a person who has completed a prior bachelor’s degree may petition the Director of Degree Programs to seek permission to apply for and complete the A.I.S. degree. The Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science degree will not be granted if you have already earned a baccalaureate degree.

Programs of Study

Associate in Arts/Associate in Science Degrees

If you are planning to transfer from Ohio University to another institution, you are advised to complete the Transfer Module as part of your A.A. or A.S. degree. See the Admissions section of this catalog.

These degrees are available on all campuses. Each degree requires a minimum of 96 hours. A maximum of 24 credits earned through the Experiential Learning Program may be applied to the A.A. or A.S. degree. At least 30 of the total credits earned toward the A.A. or A.S. must be Ohio University credits. In addition, at least 50 percent (30 hours) of the 60 hours total required in the A.A./A.S. area requirements (30/15/15) must be completed by using Ohio University coursework. Technical courses count only as electives for both the A.A. and A.S. degrees.

If you plan to earn either the A.A. or A.S. degree, contact the associate’s degree coordinator in University College so that the valid major code can be properly recorded.

Associate in Arts—Arts and Humanities Emphasis

Major code AA1101

You must meet the following requirements to earn an A.A. with arts and humanities emphasis. See the following list for the courses that count under each area.

Arts and Humanities (must include Tier I English composition) 30
Natural Science, Applied Science, and Quantitative Skills (must include Tier I quantitative skills) 15
Social Sciences 15
Electives 36

Minimum required for graduation: 96

Associate in Arts—Social Sciences Emphasis

Major code AA1110

You must meet the following requirements to earn an A.A. with social sciences emphasis. See the following list for the courses that count under each area.

Arts and Humanities (must include Tier I English composition) 15
Natural Science, Applied Science, and Quantitative Skills (must include Tier I quantitative skills) 15
Social Sciences 30
Electives 36

Minimum required for graduation: 96

Associate in Science

Major code AS1104

You must meet the following requirements to earn an A.S. See the following list for the courses that count under each area.

Arts and Humanities (must include Tier I English composition) 15
Natural Science, Applied Science, and Quantitative Skills (must include Tier I quantitative skills) 30
Social Sciences 15
Electives 36

Minimum required for graduation: 96

You may select courses for the A.A. and A.S. degrees from the following three areas:

Arts and Humanities

African American Studies 110, 150, 210, 211, 250, 310, 350, 355, 356
Art 11U
Art History
Classical Archaeology (except 211, 212, 213)
Classical Languages (Latin, Greek)
Classics in English
Communication Studies 101
Dance 150, 170, 171, 351, 352, 353, 370, 471, 472, 473
English (except 150)
Film 201, 202, 203
Foreign Languages (Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Indonesian/Malaysian, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, Swahili)
Humanities
Interdisciplinary Arts
International Literature: Modern Languages
Music 100, 120, 124, 125, 150, 321, 322, 323, 421A–F, 427, 428
Philosophy (except 120)
Theater 150, 170, 270, 271, 272
Women’s Studies
World Religions

Natural Science, Applied Science, and Quantitative Skills

Anthropology 201, 492, 496
Astronomy
Biological Sciences
Biology 101
Chemical Engineering 331
Chemistry and Biochemistry (except 115)
Communication Systems Management 101
Computer Science
Engineering and Technology 280, 320, 350, 470
Environmental and Plant Biology
Geography 101, 201, 260, 302, 303, 411
Geological Sciences
Health Sciences 202
Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences 108
Human and Consumer Sciences—Food and Nutrition 128
Industrial Technology 110
Mathematics (except 101, 102)
Mechanical Engineering 100
Philosophy 120
Physical Science
Physics
Psychology 120, 221, 226, 312, 314

Social Sciences

African American Studies (except those courses listed in Arts and Humanities)
Anthropology (except 201, 492, 496)
Business Law 255, 370, 442, 475
Classical Archaeology 211, 212, 213
Communication Studies 351, 352, 353
Economics
Geography (except 101, 201, 260, 302, 303, 411)
History (except those courses listed in Arts and Humanities)
Human and Consumer Sciences—Child and Family Studies 160
Human and Consumer Sciences—Retail Merchandising 250
International Studies 103, 113, 118, 121
Journalism 105
Associate in Individualized Studies Degree

Major code A15008

If you wish to pursue a two-year program of study in a field other than those available through one of the other associate's degree options, you may design your own program of study to meet particular goals through the Associate in Individualized Studies degree program, available on the Athens, Chillicothe, Lancaster, Southern, and Zanesville campuses.

To be admitted to the program, you must complete an application, available in the University College office, the University College Web site (http://www.ohio.edu/univcollege/degree/AISAPPL.htm), or regional campus Student Services Office and schedule an interview with a University College, Adult Learning Services, or regional campus advisor. Admission to the program is granted only upon review of the application by the A.I.S. review committee.

Although there are no specific course or academic area requirements (other than Tier I freshman English composition and quantitative skills), the application must outline your intended course of study, and it must include a proposed area of concentration.

You must consult with two faculty members in the preparation of your program, one of whom must be from your area of concentration. Both faculty members must be Group 1 or 2.

To submit an application for admission to the program, you must currently be enrolled as a degree-seeking student. To graduate with an Associate in Individualized Studies degree, you must

1. Earn 96 quarter hours.
2. Earn at least 30 quarter hours after admission to the A.I.S. program (degree residency requirement).
3. Complete University Tier I freshman-level requirements in English composition and quantitative skills.
4. Complete an approved area of concentration, consisting of at least 30 credit hours, which has coherence and educational purpose equivalent to an established degree program. At least 50 percent (15 hours) of the minimum 30 hours required for the A.I.S. Area of Concentration must be completed by using Ohio University coursework.

Applications may be submitted at any time during the quarter. To have current credit hours included as part of the residency requirement, applications must be submitted by the last day of classes of fall, winter, spring quarter, or the full-term summer session.

A maximum of 24 credits earned through the Experiential Learning Program may be applied to the A.I.S. degree.

Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC)

ROTC is based on our Constitution to help “provide for the common defense.” Today, when the security interests of this nation are so inextricably involved with world issues, our nation needs talented and well trained officers in its military services. If you have the desire and talent to serve your country, ROTC can lead to a rewarding career as a military officer. Our military needs the best managers, administrators, engineers, and scientists the nation’s schools can produce to be leaders with wide ranges of knowledge and skill. The Reserve Officers’ Training Corps, in agreement with universities and colleges across the nation, is designed to produce these types of leaders for our nation.

The Army ROTC program at Ohio University is under the Military Science Department (MSC); the Air Force ROTC program is under the Aerospace Studies Department (AST). The University offers two-, three-, and four-year ROTC programs. ROTC is divided into two phases, the general course and the advanced course. Any student can take any of the general classes for elective credit to learn more about our nation’s military with no military service commitment. Notice: The ROTC programs at Ohio University may not fully comply with University nondiscrimination policies due to the selective process of military service. However, the ROTC programs are in compliance with national nondiscrimination policies and the guidance and policies of the respective military services and the Department of Defense.

Scholarships

Partial and full scholarships are available on a competitive basis for qualified students. These scholarships pay costs of tuition, mandatory student fees, and a book fee. Additionally, recipients receive a tax-free stipend up to $400 monthly for the period the scholarship is in effect. Non-scholarship students in the advanced course also receive the tax-free stipend regardless of scholarship status. Ohio National Guard 100 percent tuition assistance is also available.

Summer Field Training

Field leadership training normally occurs during the summer after the sophomore year (Air Force) or junior year (Army). However, exceptions are possible. All travel expenses, board, living quarters, and uniforms are furnished, and you are paid while attending summer field training.

Uniforms and Equipment

Training equipment and uniforms are loaned to all ROTC students without cost.

Commissions

ROTC is a competitive program. If you successfully complete the ROTC advanced program and the requirements for a baccalaureate degree, you will be qualified for a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Army or the United States Air Force.

Special Schooling

Upon completing their degree and the ROTC program, Air Force ROTC students will start their professional careers in one of over 40 specialized career fields including Operations, Logistics, Engineering, Communications, Nursing, Weather, Intelligence, Space and Missiles, and more. Advanced schooling is provided to initially prepare you for your career field. In addition, the Air Force provides opportunity and resources for its officers to pursue professional continuing education and advanced degrees. Army ROTC students may be selected for a variety of specialized training opportunities, such as Airborne School, Air Assault School, Nurse Summer Training Program, Pentagon Internships, and Summer Leadership Internships. Army officers can serve in one of 16 career branches, including: combat, combat support, and combat service support options. Selected officers, after entrance on active duty, are sent to civilian universities or service technical institutes for graduate work leading to a master’s degree or to a doctoral degree in specialized fields.
Aerospace Studies Program
(Air Force ROTC)

The Aerospace Studies Program is designed to develop the character and skills required of professional Air Force officers. The goal is to provide you with the foundation to become an officer in the United States Air Force, while acquiring a baccalaureate degree in a field of your own choosing.

The curriculum during the first two years (the general program, one credit per quarter) is an introduction to the Air Force and its heritage. It focuses on career opportunities, doctrine, mission, and organization of the United States Air Force. It also includes studies in the development of air power and present and future concepts within the Air Force.

Concurrently with these academic subjects, cadets participate in “Leadership Lab” (for an additional one credit per quarter). Leadership lab centers around military customs and organization and include hands-on learning that enable you to gain insight into the dynamics of military leadership. There is no service commitment during the first two years (for non-scholarship cadets), and it is an excellent way for you to explore the lifestyle and career options the Air Force has to offer. You must take both the general course and Leadership Lab to be enrolled in the AFROTC program.

Optional non-credit summer professional development programs at Air Force bases provide further exposure to the Air Force and are funded by the Air Force.

The advanced curriculum, entitled the “Professional Officer Course,” or POC (three credit hours per quarter), is specifically designed to prepare cadets/students for active duty as commissioned officers. Entry into the POC is selective and based on the needs of the Air Force. Studies include military leadership and principles of management during the junior year. The senior year includes defense policymaking, the military professional, strategy, and military justice. It emphasizes professional responsibilities of Air Force officers within our democratic society and how the Air Force supports national goals. Through case studies, guest lectures, and dialogue, you experience a realistic simulation of problems facing officers. As a member of the advanced Professional Officer Course, you develop leadership skills by supervising first-year and sophomore cadets in Leadership Lab. You practice communication skills and perform organizational projects similar to those accomplished by active duty Air Force officers. This advanced unit consists of six quarters of on-campus study (3 credits per term), six quarters of Leadership Lab (1 credit per term), and a summer field leadership training encampment.

Flight Qualification. Qualified cadets have the additional option of becoming a flight officer candidate. Selection for pilot or other rated training will be made during your junior year. If you are selected, you will enter USAF pilot or rated training following graduation and commissioning.

Assignment. Cadets commission and begin their careers as Air Force officers upon completing their undergraduate degree and AFROTC program requirements. After commissioning, you are assigned to a position within the Air Force structure that best combines your academic major and desires with the needs of the Air Force. Past graduates have been assigned to areas of air operations (both flyers and non-flyers); administration; physical and social sciences; engineering; and research and development in aerospace technologies, to name a few. In addition, qualified cadets can pursue military careers in the medical and legal career fields after completing the AFROTC program.

Military Science Program (Army ROTC)

The Military Science Program is designed to develop the leadership and management skills required of an officer in the United States Army. The military science curriculum complements your normal coursework for a baccalaureate degree and provides a basis for progression toward a commission as an officer in the United States Army. Although the complete program encompasses four years, you can join the program at any point in your time at Ohio University, as long as you have two years remaining. This two-year period can be undergraduate or graduate work.

The first two years of Army ROTC is known as the Basic Course (BC). During the BC, you take classes in general military subjects, including an introduction to the Army ROTC program, basic skills, leadership and team building, and leadership and small-unit operations. These courses provide a basic understanding of the Army and a background for the second two years of the program. During the first two years there is a requirement for wearing of uniforms for lab, but no military service obligation is incurred.

Entrance into the second two years of the Army ROTC (the Advanced Course) is selective and competitive. You can qualify for the Advanced Course by completing the BC, by current service in the National Guard or Reserves, or by attending a four-week ROTC Leaders Training Course. The Advanced Course will expand your knowledge of military subjects, including military justice, tactics, ethics and professionalism, management, training, and current issues affecting the military. In addition to the classroom work, the department conducts a leadership laboratory in which all students take part in planning and conducting such adventure-type outdoor training activities as rappelling, survival swimming, marksmanship, physical training, and land navigation. Advanced course students are required to attend a four-week summer Leaders Development Assessment Course between their junior and senior years. All summer camp expenses, including meals, housing, travel, and uniforms, are paid by the Army. In addition, each cadet is paid approximately $700 in military pay for camp attendance.

The Department of Military Science also sponsors several extracurricular clubs or activity groups organized by the cadets with faculty advisors, such as the Color Guard, Officer Christian Fellowship, and Ranger Challenge. Cadets may be selected on a voluntary basis for attendance at U.S. Army schools such as Airborne (parachutist) School, Air Assault School, Mountain Warfare, and Northern Warfare School.

Nursing Program

The Army offers two-year scholarships for qualified students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Nursing students receive special consideration as they pursue their B.S.N. along with a commission in the U.S. Army. Many of the same requirements apply to nurse candidates. In addition to attending National Advanced Leadership Camp, nursing students receive the opportunity for real-world training at top-quality military and medical centers through the Nurse Summer Training Program.