University of Florida NROTC Information Guide

***Welcome to the University of Florida NROTC’s information guide. We greatly appreciate your proactive step in seeking out the information provided here, as it plays a significant role in enhancing the efficiency of our operations. Each year, our dedicated team handles a considerable volume of email and phone inquiries. This document serves as an unofficial bridge between those inquiries and the official guidance found in the Regulations for Officer Development. By thoroughly reading the information below, you will not only find the answers that you need, but you will also help our staff dedicate more time and attention to serving our current students. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.***

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Why UF NROTC?

Elite Organization

The Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) is one path towards becoming an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps and the University of Florida NROTC Unit has a long history of being one of the premier programs in the country. Several graduates have achieved the rank of Admiral and General and served our country with distinction. Our unit takes pride in producing quality officers, and we are consistently graduating a high percentage of Naval Aviators, Nuclear Power Officers, and Naval Special Warfare Operators. We even have a few graduates commanding squadrons right now.

Additionally, the University of Florida is an outstanding educational institution and is ranked as the #1 public university in the country. According to the student profile of 2023, the middle 50% of students achieved SAT scores of 1350-1490, and ACT scores of 30-34.

Please visit this website to learn more about the University of Florida’s admission process: <https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman/our-decision-process.>

Become a Leader

The NROTC program was established to develop midshipmen mentally, morally, and physically. With experienced staff and high-achieving midshipmen, our NROTC unit provides an ideal environment for midshipmen to develop their leadership skills to prepare them to lead sailors and marines into harm's way. The unit is officer advised, but midshipmen run our daily operations so that everyone receives an opportunity for hands on leadership experience.

Rewarding Career Opportunities

Upon graduation, a midshipman will be commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy or a Second Lieutenant in the Marine Corps. While non-military university students will enter the civilian workforce, newly commissioned officers will enter the world’s premier fighting force and serve around the globe in challenging environments, immediately leading sailors, and marines to accomplish real-world missions.

<https://www.navy.com/careers>

<https://www.marines.com/become-a-marine/process-to-join/become-an-officer.html>

Academic Requirements

Naval Science Classes

In addition to core and elective classes, midshipmen must take the following naval science classes and naval leadership labs. All naval science and NROTC required courses must be taken in person unless specific approval is granted.





Calculus and Physics

Navy option scholarship midshipmen must take two semesters of Calculus by the end of their sophomore year and two semesters of calculus-based Physics and the associated lab by the end of their junior year. These requirements can be satisfied by taking these UF courses:

 MAC 2311 – Analytical Geometry and Calculus 1

 MAC 2312 – Analytical Geometry and Calculus 2

 PHY 2048/L – Physics with Calculus 1

 PHY 2049/L - Physics with Calculus 2

If a midshipman validated one of these classes via the AP exam, then only the remaining class is required. If a midshipman validated both Calculus 1 and Calculus 2, that midshipman must take one higher-level math class such as Calculus 3 or Differential Equations to satisfy this requirement. Bottom line: every midshipman will take a minimum of one semester of calculus at UF or Santa Fe, regardless of AP exam results. Midshipmen may validate the Physics requirement without a need to take an additional semester of Physics at UF or Santa Fe.

Please check with a UF advisor and ask during preview whether the University of Florida has accepted a credit or class from high school. The unit staff will only be able to tell if the university accepted a credit once the first semester transcript is released.

Marine option scholarship midshipmen and Navy option College Program midshipmen (midshipmen who did not receive a scholarship from the Navy) are not required to take calculus and physics. However, non-scholarship Navy option midshipmen must take 6 credits of a physical science such as biology or chemistry.

Be advised that certain majors may require additional math and physics classes.

Majors

The University of Florida offers several majors. Every major falls into one of three categories: Tier 1 (most Engineering majors), Tier 2 (Engineering and Sciences), and Tier 3 (Humanities). The Department of Defense requires a certain percentage of scholarship midshipmen across all NROTC Unit’s to pursue a degree in a Tier 1 and Tier 2 major. Midshipmen pursuing a Tier 1 or Tier 2 major will be more competitive to earn a scholarship because of this percentage requirement.

Midshipmen can change majors, but a major change is not guaranteed. The Commanding Officer (CO) must approve the request and a tier change to a Tier 3 major requires higher level approval. Therefore, choose a major you are likely to succeed in and enjoy learning about.

Majors and tiers recognized by our unit can be found in the resources section of this guide.

All midshipmen are expected to earn their bachelor's degree within four years. However, a ninth semester of study is warranted for certain engineering majors by those midshipmen that request the additional semester. Scholarship midshipmen that take one of these majors will receive scholarship benefits for the ninth semester.

Navy Graduation Requirements

**All midshipmen** are required to take **6 credits of English**.

**Navy option** midshipmen are also required to take **3 credits** of both an NROTC approved **American History class** and a **world culture class**.

**Marine option** midshipmen are only required to take **3 credits** of an NROTC approved **American History class**.

A midshipman that validates any of these English, History, or culture classes is not required to take them at the University of Florida.

The authorized courses list can be found here in the resource section of this guide.

Minimum Semester Credits

All midshipmen must take at least 12 credits each semester, not including naval science classes. Therefore, when including naval science courses, midshipmen must take at least 15 credits each semester, except for their freshmen and sophomore fall semesters where a minimum of 14 credits is acceptable.

Summer Classes

The University of Florida requires all undergraduate students to take 9 credits over the summer, but midshipmen are exempt from this requirement. However, midshipmen are encouraged to take summer classes to lighten their workload if the class does not conflict with summer training. Keep in mind that summer courses are only covered by the NROTC scholarship if the scholarship is allocated to cover tuition costs, not room and board.

Life as a Midshipman

Typical Week

The NROTC Unit requires about 10 hours per week from each individual midshipman. A typical week includes physical fitness workouts, naval sciences classes, leadership labs, and additional unit responsibilities as outlined below.

Physical Fitness

Physical fitness is paramount for individual health and mission accomplishment as an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps. All midshipmen are required to pass a physical fitness test to join the program and must pass a physical fitness test each semester. Our unit conducts organized physical training workouts from 0545-0645 two days per week. Marine option midshipmen, midshipmen who struggle physically, and midshipmen who want additional training participate in a third organized workout during the week. Workouts consist of calisthenics, group exercises, strength training, and running. Physical training resources can be found here:

 <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Requirements/Summer-Cruise/>.

Additionally, all midshipmen are required to pass a swimming qualification test. Swim training information can be found here: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Portals/46/NETC/manual/P1552-16.pdf?ver=RzDF03PvBn4gFo7_2E9E6Q%3d%3d>

Naval Science Classes

Naval science course information and syllabi can be found here: <https://nrotc.ufl.edu/resources/naval-science-courses--syllabi/>.

Leadership Labs

One or two labs are held each week that provide informative training to prepare midshipmen for the fleet. Each semester we have several guest speakers, both active duty and civilians, hands-on leadership reaction courses, land navigation, martial arts skills development, and general military training. Alumni share leadership lessons, and experiences in the fleet. We also host helicopter landings on campus to increase exposure to naval aircraft and crew. Midshipmen are required to wear their issued uniforms on lab days.

Clubs

Aviation Club – provides information to increase interest in the community and best prepare midshipmen for a career in Naval Aviation. The club covers information on the ASTB, the aviation pipeline, and aircraft in the navy.

Special Warfare Club – provides information about Naval Special Warfare and physical training techniques. The club conducts physical training workouts and briefs.

Surface Warfare Club – covers information on various leadership and tactical positions of a Surface Warfare Officer, and the ships upon which they would serve.

Submarine Warfare Club – learn about subsurface warfare and leadership positions in the world’s finest nuclear subsurface fleet.

Events and Volunteer Opportunities

Color Guard – Midshipmen in the color guard unit perform at local ceremonies (commissioning, change-of-command etc.) and before home football games.

Drill Competitions – The unit participates in at least one drill meet each year, typically at Tulane University in the spring.

Leadership Summit – Leadership conferences occur around the country each year and midshipmen may volunteer to attend.

Navy Ball – Every fall, the unit hosts a ball for all members of the NROTC unit in celebration of the Navy’s Birthday.

Dining-In – The upper-class midshipmen and active-duty staff take part in a formal navy dining tradition towards the end of the spring semester.

Interservice and NROTC Competitions – Our unit participates in the Mo Navas Challenge at Jacksonville University during the spring to build comradery with another unit in memory of a marine killed in action. Additionally, the Navy, Army, and Air Force UF ROTC units come together to compete in flag-football and ultimate frisbee games each year.

Fleet Exposure – Guest speakers and previous alumni are invited each semester to share their stories, experiences, and expertise with midshipmen to better prepare them for service in all warfare designations. Crews for football game flyovers, and helicopter landings on campus also speak with midshipmen about their roles as officers in the fleet.

Marine Training Exercises – Marines conduct field training exercises during the semester. The exercises consist of rucks, hikes, land navigation, physical training, small unit leadership and more. These exercises are held at bases to include Camp Blanding.

Football Games – Every home game, the UF NROTC Unit offers to help with services during a home football game and the proceeds raised help pay for unit events throughout the year.

Summer Training

New Student Indoctrination (NSI)

New Student Indoctrination is a 2.5 week indoctrination course designed to provide standard military training to and prepare midshipmen candidates for their respective NROTC program. For scholarship midshipmen, NSI is held during three separate periods in the summer before the freshmen fall semester. If a midshipman receives a scholarship after joining the program as a college program midshipman, then that midshipmen is required to attend NSI the following summer. Please refer to the website below for all NSI related information and requirements.

[New Student Indoctrination (NSI) (navy.mil)](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Current-and-Incoming-Midshipmen/New-Student-Indoctrination/)

Career Orientation and Training for Midshipmen (CORTRAMID)

Between freshman and sophomore year, scholarship midshipmen participate in CORTRAMID, a month-long opportunity for midshipmen to step back from university life and experience the operational communities of the Navy and Marine Corps.

The Navy hosts two sessions of CORTRAMID, CORTRAMID West in San Diego, CA, and CORTRAMID East in Norfolk, VA. During CORTRAMID, Midshipmen spend one week with a ship, submarine, aviation squadron, and the Marine Corps. The training exposes midshipmen to Navy and Marine Corps communities and provides a basis for their future summer cruise and service selection requests prior to commissioning. Most midshipmen will travel aboard a ship, submarine, and aircraft during CORTRAMID, and spend a week with Marines.

During surface week, midshipmen experience shipboard life, learn how to conn (drive) a ship, have weapons demonstrations by the U.S. Navy SEALs and much more. During submarine week, midshipmen spend a week onboard a nuclear submarine and experience all facets, from the bridge and engineering to the sonar and torpedo rooms. During aviation week, midshipmen view static displays of naval aircraft and experience Naval Aviator training. Finally, during Marine week, midshipmen sleep in Marine barracks, learn to fire small arms weapons, and may even conduct an amphibious assault.

Second Class Cruise

Between sophomore and junior year, Navy option scholarship midshipmen attend a minimum four-week cruise aboard a surface ship or submarine to experience the fleet from an enlisted perspective. Midshipmen are assigned with an enlisted petty officer to observe and experience the day-to-day life of an enlisted sailor. This provides a great learning opportunity and perspective for a future officer.

Marine option scholarship midshipmen attend Fleet Marine Force (FMF) training at Camp Pendleton or Camp Lejeune. Midshipmen will be exposed to the training environment of a Company Grade Officer in the Marine Corps and various career opportunities. Midshipmen will be required to become familiar with crew served weapons, the capabilities of a Marine Air-Ground Task Force (MAGTF), learn fundamental tactics and practice leadership principles.

First Class Cruise

Between junior and senior year, Navy option midshipmen submit their summer preference with the community they are most interested in joining upon commissioning. Over the cruise, midshipmen will be paired with a junior officer to learn and gain a greater understanding of what is expected of midshipmen upon commissioning as an officer in that warfare designation.

Marine option midshipmen attend Officer Candidate School (OCS) for six-weeks in Quantico, VA to complete a commission requirement for the Marine Corps.

Please review this link for more information about summer training: [Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps - Summer Cruise Training (navy.mil)](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Current-and-Incoming-Midshipmen/Summer-Cruise-Training/)

What Happens Upon Graduation?

Service and Obligations

Scholarship midshipmen obligations begin September 1st during their sophomore year. Midshipmen that receive a scholarship for three years or less in duration will incur an obligation at the moment the scholarship is accepted, and the paperwork is signed. Please review the appropriate paperwork and check the Naval Education Training Command’s website for updated information.

The obligation requires Navy option scholarship midshipmen to serve at least five years of active military service upon commissioning, and marine option scholarship midshipmen at least four years of active-duty service. Additional requirements may be required for specific job or warfare designation assignments.

Naval Aviation

Midshipmen who select Navy Pilot or Naval Flight Officer will report to Pensacola, FL to begin flight training in accordance with their orders after commissioning. From there, prospective Pilots and NFOs attend primary flight training. Pilots and NFOs then request an aircraft pipeline and enter the intermediate phase of flight training, which builds upon basic flight and navigation training. The final phase is advanced naval flight training, focusing on mission specifics. After completion, Pilots and NFOs are awarded their “wings of gold” and report to their respective Fleet Replacement Squadrons (FRSs) for further training specific to their aircraft.

Surface Warfare

Prospective Surface Warfare Officers will report to the Navy's Surface Warfare Officer School (SWOS) to attend the Basic Division Officer Course (BDOC) along with some follow-on job specific training. After completing this six-month course, a prospective SWO will report to his or her first ship.

Submarine Warfare

Newly commissioned Ensigns entering the Nuclear Propulsion Pipeline initially report to Naval Nuclear Power School (NNPS) in Charleston, SC. NNPS is a 24-week school designed to teach students the fundamental theories involved with Navy nuclear propulsion plants. Subjects include thermodynamics, reactor principles and dynamics, radiological fundamentals, and electrical engineering.

After Nuclear Power School, officers are assigned to one of the Program's prototype propulsion plants or moored training ship for 26 weeks of additional classroom training and hands-on instruction. The Prototypes are located either at Nuclear Power Training Unit (NPTU), Charleston, SC or NPTU, Ballston Spa, NY. Here, students receive hands on instruction in an operational reactor plant. Each student qualifies as a propulsion plant operator, attaining extensive watch standing experience and a thorough knowledge of all propulsion plant systems and their operating requirements. Under the guidance of experienced operator/instructors, students learn to properly react to normal and casualty situations in an operational Naval nuclear propulsion plant. During school, students will be informed of their first submarine assignment.

The last stop before reporting to a submarine is a 12-week Basic Submarine Officer Course at Submarine School in Groton, CT. Here, officers receive comprehensive training on basic submarine system, including weapons, navigation, sonar, fire control, and auxiliary systems. The last portion of the school concentrates on the fundamentals of contact tracking. This includes proficiency in all plots used during a typical tracking scenario and an introduction to submarine tactics. Following successful graduation, officers will report to their first duty assignment.

Having completed the above training, officers report to their first submarine. This will either be a Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN), a Fast Attack Submarine (SSN), or a Guided Missile Submarine (SSGN). During a first tour of duty, an officer's primary responsibility is to become qualified on their sub's particular systems and procedures. Also, officers will serve as division officers, responsible for overseeing the daily operations and equipment maintenance of their assigned division.

Special Warfare

SEAL - All new Ensigns entering the Navy Special Warfare pipeline will begin at the Naval Special Warfare Center on Coronado Island in California. The first five weeks are the Indoctrination Phase where potential BUD/S students are examined one last time to ensure that they are ready for BUD/S. After the Indoctrination phase, the students are ready to begin BUD/S.

EOD - All EOD officers designated EOD officer trainee will first complete the EOD Junior Officer Leadership Course and Joint Diving Officer (JDO) Course at the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center, Panama City, FL. Upon completion of dive training, officers will complete a 40-week Basic EOD Course at the Naval School, Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Eglin Air Force Base, FL to become an EOD officer.

Marine Corps

Marine Corps Second Lieutenants will report to The Basic School (TBS) in Quantico, VA to begin training as an officer in the Marine Corps. TBS lasts over six months and at the completion of training, Marine Corps Officers will receive their military occupational specialty (MOS). Please visit this website for additional information: <https://www.trngcmd.marines.mil/Units/The-Basic-School/.>

Financial Benefits

Scholarship

Midshipmen who earn an NROTC scholarship will receive the following:

* $750 per academic year stipend for textbooks ($375 per semester)
* Uniforms and Naval Science textbooks
* Full tuition and mandatory fees imposed by UF on all full-time undergraduate students
	+ In-State students may use Florida Bright Futures to pay for tuition and the NROTC scholarship to pay for room and board. An NROTC scholarship allocated to pay for room and board will provide $11,500 annually. Remember there may be delays in receiving scholarship money, and typically payments are not made until after the 45-day mark in the semester. Please plan accordingly to pay rent etc. until you receive the funds.
	+ Example In-State Scholarship Student Financial Outlook:
		- Bright Futures – Allocated toward Tuition
		- Florida Prepaid – Room and Board and remaining university expenses.
		- NROTC Scholarship – Allocated to Room and Board to receive $11,500. The $11,500 does not have to be used for any educational or living expense. If Florida Bright Futures and Florida Prepaid covers all educational costs, then that student will receive $11,500 in the bank account of their choosing.
	+ We recommend Out-of-State students to use their NROTC scholarship for tuition because the tuition costs exceed the room and board payment.
* A monthly subsistence allowance each academic month of:
	+ Freshmen - $250/month
	+ Sophomore - $300/month
	+ Junior - $350/month
	+ Senior - $400/month
* Travel costs to and from NSI, and all summer cruises

College Program

A College Program Midshipman is a midshipman that did not apply for or receive an NROTC scholarship but has been accepted or is currently attending the institution and wants to join the program. College Program Midshipmen do not receive scholarship benefits or attend summer training but are otherwise treated and held to the same standards of conduct and participation as scholarship midshipmen. The goal of the College Program is to help qualified midshipmen earn a 3, 2, or 1-year Scholarship, or Advanced Standing.

* Uniforms and Naval Science textbooks

Advanced Standing

All College Program students must either have an NROTC scholarship or get accepted into the Advanced Standing status by the start of their junior year in college. If not, that student must be disenrolled from the NROTC program. Advanced Standing midshipmen commission in the Navy or Marine Corps as Ensigns or Second Lieutenants just like scholarship midshipmen. Advanced Standing midshipmen participate in one summer training and receive the following:

* Uniforms and Naval Science textbooks
* A monthly subsistence allowance each academic month of:
	+ Junior - $350/month
	+ Senior - $400/month

Ways to Join UF NROTC

Earn a Scholarship as a High School Student

To find out more about the requirements to join, please visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Requirements/Requirements-update/>.

To apply for a four-year scholarship, please visit: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Prospective-Midshipmen/NROTC-Apply-Now/>.

Please visit the University of Florida’s website to learn more information about application deadlines, competitive scores, cost, etc.

**Please contact a local recruiter to help you properly fill out an NROTC scholarship application.**

The last step in applying for a scholarship is to interview with an NROTC CO. If you would like to join the UF NROTC unit, please email the UF NROTC Recruiter or have your local recruiter email the UF NROTC Recruiter with the following information (please cc your local recruiter when emailing the UF NROTC Recruiter):

* A completed NROTC Scholarship Application document
* SAT/ACT Scores
* High School Transcript
* A letter to our CO explaining why you want to be a Naval or Marine Corps Officer
* Please visit this link to for additional scholarship application help: <https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Contact/>.
* Remember to pay attention to scholarship application and university application deadlines. We recommend applying as early as possible to remain more competitive for acceptance.

Important Dates and Deadlines

* April 1st
	+ A student finishing their junior year in high school may apply for an NROTC scholarship as early as April 1st when applications open.
* August
	+ We recommend that prospective midshipmen submit their NROTC scholarships by August of their senior year because the first scholarship board is convened in October.
* October
	+ First NROTC Scholarship board convened for high school seniors.
* November 1st
	+ UF Early Action admissions deadline closes
* January 15th
	+ UF Regular Decision admissions deadline closes
* End of January
	+ NROTC Scholarship application deadline closes
* May 1st
	+ UF Housing application deadline closes

Please check the appropriate websites to ensure the above dates and deadlines have not changed or for additional information.

<https://admissions.ufl.edu/apply/freshman/deadlines>

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Prospective-Midshipmen/NROTC-Apply-Now/>

<https://housing.ufl.edu/apply/first-year-student-application/>

<https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Current-and-Incoming-Midshipmen/New-Student-Indoctrination/>

Innovation Academy (not allowed)

The University of Florida offers a program called Innovation Academy where students can also earn a minor in innovation in conjunction with their major.

Scholarship students are **not allowed** to be in the UF NROTC program and enrolled in innovation academy. If a prospective student applied to the innovation academy, reapply as a regular UF student. College Program students may join if already enrolled in the innovation academy, but please let the UF NROTC Recruiter know so we can make sure there are no issues.

Current University of Florida Students

Current University of Florida students may also join the UF NROTC unit as a College Program Midshipman. Students entering their junior year may not have enough time to complete all required classes and summer training prior to their fourth year to graduate and commission on time in the NROTC program. Naval Science classes for Navy option midshipmen total 22 credits, and this increased workload must be considered. Please review all program requirements before beginning your application. The CO has final determination of acceptance into the NROTC Unit as a College Program Midshipman. Successful applicants meet the following criteria:

* UF student in good standing
* Knowledgeable or motivated about a career in the Navy or Marine Corps
* Participated in one or more varsity sports in high school and demonstrate above average physical fitness
* Possess and have demonstrated leadership capabilities through volunteer work or extracurricular activities
* Pursuing an engineering or technical degree that is a Tier 1 or Tier 2 major

To apply, email the UF NROTC Recruiter all the following completed documents located at this link: <https://nrotc.ufl.edu/prospective-students/college-program-application/>.

Santa Fe College

Students may apply for an NROTC Scholarship to attend Santa Fe College with the intent to transfer and graduate from the University of Florida. Scholarship applications steps are outlined above.

Current Santa Fe students may also join the UF NROTC unit as a College Program Midshipman before their junior year. Students entering their junior year may not have enough time to complete all required classes and summer training prior to their fourth year to graduate and commission on time in the NROTC program. Naval Science classes for Navy option midshipmen total 22 credits, and this increased workload must be considered. Please review all program requirements before beginning your application. The CO has final determination of acceptance into the NROTC Unit as a College Program Midshipman. Successful applicants meet the following criteria:

* Have a high school GPA of 3.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale
* Achieved SAT scores above 1200 (math and verbal) or above 26 on the ACT
* Knowledgeable or motivated about a career in the Navy or Marine Corps
* Participated in one or more varsity sports in high school and demonstrate exceptional physical fitness
* Possess and have demonstrated leadership capabilities through volunteer work or extracurricular activities
* Pursuing an engineering or technical degree that is a Tier 1 or Tier 2 major

To apply, email the UF NROTC Recruiter all the following completed documents located at this link: <https://nrotc.ufl.edu/prospective-students/college-program-application/>.

Transfer Students

The University of Florida only accepts transfer students who have completed their associates degree and apply in time and meet all transfer requirements. Scholarship midshipmen, please coordinate with your host unit to navigate the transfer process.

Next Steps

Medical Examination and Qualification

To receive a scholarship and/or commission from the NROTC program, every prospective officer must be medically qualified or receive a waiver for a potentially disqualifying condition. The Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board (DoDMERB) will schedule a prospective service member’s medical examination and carefully review the reports to determine if an incoming student meets the medical standards for admission. DoDMERB will consider medical history and information on illnesses, injuries, surgery, and other factors that could negatively affect a qualified medical status. Do not be alarmed if you are asked to submit additional reports and/or records from physicians or hospitals.

Approximately a month after your physical is completed you will receive (by mail to your address of record) a status report of the DoDMERB findings. If any disqualifying condition is identified by DoDMERB a medical waiver process begins via the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery (BUMED). You may have to provide amplifying information on the condition or undergo evaluation by a medical specialist. A waiver of the medical standards may be granted if your medical condition is determined unlikely to interfere with the successful completion of four years in the NROTC program and a commission in either the Navy or Marine Corps with fulfillment of your five-year service commitment.

**Start the DoDMERB medical qualification process as soon as possible because the medical qualification process may take several months and an NROTC scholarship midshipman will not receive any scholarship benefits until that midshipman is medically qualified or receives a medical waiver. If you previously started a DoDMERB qualification that was not finished, you may need to start the process over again if more than two years has passed.**

Please reference the medical considerations section in this guide for a list of a few potentially disqualifying medical conditions.

Email

In the Navy and Marine Corps, email is the primary method of communication. Begin checking your email and responding promptly to all emails.

Upon Scholarship and Acceptance into UF/Santa Fe

Upon receipt of an NROTC scholarship and acceptance into either the University of Florida or Santa Fe College, please begin the following if you have not done so already:

* Complete the medical qualification process with **DoDMERB** as previously mentioned.
* Determine which NSI Phase you want to attend over the summer and complete the NSI package (there are three phases, see NSI information below).
* Select a **PREVIEW** date that does not conflict with our New Student Orientation (NSO).
* **Inform the UF NROTC Recruiter** of your intention to accept the scholarship and join the unit or not to join the unit. If you choose not to join the unit, you must contact the NROTC program you want to attend and change your scholarship from UF NROTC to that unit in OPMIS (the website where you submitted your scholarship application).
* Submit a **housing application** to live on campus before the application deadline.
	+ **We recommend Tolbert Hall** because we have an agreement with the Housing Department that allows midshipmen to live in the dorm as freshmen, which is not normally allowed to regular students.
	+ Tolbert Hall is conveniently and centrally located across the street from Van Fleet Hall, and right next to Gator Dining and our Leadership Lab classroom.
* Stay physically fit, to include swimming and treading water.
* Contact the UF NROTC Recruiter about any changes in your medical status or summer plans that may affect NSI and your participation in the program.

What can you do if you were not accepted into UF?

You can call UF admissions to try and appeal the decision. Please inform the NROTC Recruiter if you are trying to appeal.

If you do not get accepted and/or your appeal is unsuccessful, you must transfer your NROTC scholarship on the NETFOCUS website to your alternate school and coordinate with your new NROTC Unit.

UF Preview

Preview is a required two-day orientation required for first-year students at the University of Florida. During Preview, new students will tour the classes, learn important information to help prepare them for college, enroll in first semester classes with a UF academic advisor etc.

Please register for **at least 14 credits** and **NSC 1110** and **NSC 1101L** for the fall semester. This is also a good time to confirm your on-campus housing that you registered for several months prior. Additionally, we recommend new students sign up for a food plan for the first semester to try it out due to its convenience, time saving, etc. More information about food plans offered can be found here:

<https://businessservices.ufl.edu/services/dining/meal-plans/>

Finally, please email the UF NROTC Recruiter which dates you have selected to attend and whether you would like to meet and/or speak with UF NROTC staff members. If so, we recommend planning a meeting during the ROTC information session time at Van Fleet Hall. This way we can better answer your specific questions and meet more of the staff.

New Student Indoctrination (NSI)

The summer before you begin the Fall semester, you will attend New Student Indoctrination at Naval Station Great Lakes in Illinois. This 2.5-week indoctrination training will provide you with basic training to prepare you for entry into the NROTC program. Training includes daily physical fitness, swimming, firefighting, drill, classes, military instruction etc.

You will request one of the three phases of NSI to attend. The phase dates can be found online and typically align with:

* Phase 1: First to the Fourth week in June
* Phase 2: Fourth week in June to the Second week in July
* Phase 3: Second week in July to the First week in August

Please complete the NSI Package located at: [New Student Indoctrination (NSI) (navy.mil)](https://www.netc.navy.mil/Commands/Naval-Service-Training-Command/NROTC/Current-and-Incoming-Midshipmen/New-Student-Indoctrination/).

Please contact the UF NROTC Recruiter once you submit your NSI Package, so we can coordinate your travel to and from NSI.

New Student Orientation (NSO)

The UF NROTC Unit conducts our own New Student Orientation to welcome incoming scholarship midshipmen into our unit. During NSO, expect to conduct a physical fitness test, swim qualification test, drug test, drill training, and learn about the expectations of the program.

NSO is a 2.5-day event typically begins on Thursday at 0800 the week before classes start and ends with a NSO graduation/welcome ceremony at noon on Saturday. Families are welcome to join their midshipmen Thursday morning and they will have an opportunity to speak with the CO in the morning. We also work with the Housing Department, and they are kind enough to offer our midshipmen the first available move-in day on campus. This also typically occurs on the Thursday before classes start so families can help move their midshipmen in early. We welcome families to attend the Saturday NSO graduation/welcome ceremony, but a zoom link will also be available.

Resources

Pre-Interview Scholarship Checklist

Prior to reaching out to the UF NROTC Recruiter to schedule an interview with our CO, please ensure you have the following completed (refer to Ways to Join UF NROTC):

* Scholarship Application completed and review by your local recruiter
* SAT/ACT Official Test Result Document
* Official High School Transcript
* A letter addressed to our CO about why you want to be a Naval or Marine Corps Officer

College Program Checklist

The College Program Application process begins by:

* Completing the College Program Application Form 1533-133
* Writing a Letter Addressed to the CO (Format located later in this information guide)
* Emailing both to the UF NROTC Recruiter

Please find the link to the College Program Application form here: <https://nrotc.ufl.edu/prospective-students/college-program-application/>.

Format for Letter to CO

DD MMM YY

From: First Last

To: Commanding Officer, NROTC Unit 68064

Via: UF NROTC Recruiter

Subj: PRE-INTERVIEW LETTER

Write about why you want to be a Naval or Marine Corps Officer and join the UF NROTC Unit. You must sign the letter in the space above your printed name certifying that the statements are your original work and that you composed it yourself. Length should be about 250 words.

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UF Majors and Tiers Recognized by UF NROTC

Please ask the UF NROTC Recruiter about a major you desire to pursue, and we may be able to add it to our recognized majors list.

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| **University of Florida** |
| **Tier** | **Major** |
| 1 | Industrial and Systems Engineering |
| 1 | Mechanical Engineering |
| 1 | Aerospace Engineering |
| 1 | Chemical Engineering |
| 1 | Electrical Engineering, General |
| 1 | Nuclear Engineering |
| 2 | Geology |
| 2 | Geomatics |
| 2 | Information Systems |
| 2 | Marine Sciences |
| 2 | Materials Science and Engineering |
| 2 | Mathematics |
| 2 | Microbiology and Cell Science |
| 2 | Neurobiological Sciences |
| 2 | Applied Physiology and Kinesiology |
| 2 | Architecture |
| 2 | Astronomy |
| 2 | Astrophysics |
| 2 | Biochemistry |
| 2 | Biological Engineering |
| 2 | Biological Illustration |
| 2 | Biology, General and Life Sciences |
| 2 | Biomedical Engineering |
| 2 | Botany, General |
| 2 | Chemistry (Other Than Biochemistry) |
| 2 | Civil Engineering |
| 2 | Computer Engineering |
| 2 | Computer Science |
| 2 | Computer Science (Math Oriented) |
| 2 | Construction Management |
| 2 | Digital Arts and Sciences |
| 2 | Engineering, Undecided |
| 2 | Entomology and Nematology |
| 2 | Nuclear and Radiological Sciences |
| 2 | Nursing (RN) |
| 2 | Physics |
| 2 | Statistics |
| 2 | Sustainability and The Built Environment |
| 3 | Environmental Management in Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| 3 | Environmental Science/Natural Resources Conservation |
| 3 | Family, Youth and Community Science |
| 3 | Film/Cinema Studies |
| 3 | Finance |
| 3 | Fire and Emergency Services |
| 3 | Food and Resource Economics |
| 3 | Food Sciences |
| 3 | Forest Resources and Conservation |
| 3 | French |
| 3 | Geography |
| 3 | German |
| 3 | Graphic Design |
| 3 | Health Education and Behavior |
| 3 | Health Sciences |
| 3 | Hebrew |
| 3 | History |
| 3 | Horticulture Science |
| 3 | Interdisciplinary Studies |
| 3 | Interior Design |
| 3 | International Relations |
| 3 | International Studies |
| 3 | International Studies - Latin America and the Caribbean |
| 3 | Italian |
| 3 | Japanese |
| 3 | Jewish/Judaic Studies |
| 3 | Journalism |
| 3 | Landscape Architecture |
| 3 | Latin American Studies |
| 3 | Linguistics: General; Theoretical |
| 3 | Management |
| 3 | Marketing |
| 3 | Medieval and Renaissance Studies |
| 3 | Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures |
| 3 | Middle Eastern Studies |
| 3 | Modern European Studies |
| 3 | Music Education |
| 3 | Music, General |
| 3 | Natural Resources Conservation |
| 3 | Accounting |
| 3 | Advertising |
| 3 | African American Studies |
| 3 | African Languages |
| 3 | Agricultural Education and Communication |
| 3 | American Indian/Native American Studies |
| 3 | Animal Sciences |
| 3 | Anthropology; Ethnology |
| 3 | Arabic |
| 3 | Art Education |
| 3 | Art History, Criticism, and Conservation |
| 3 | Art, General |
| 3 | Athletic Training |
| 3 | Business Administration and Management |
| 3 | Chinese |
| 3 | Classical Studies |
| 3 | Communication Sciences and Disorders |
| 3 | Construction and Building Science |
| 3 | Criminology |
| 3 | Dance |
| 3 | Dietetics |
| 3 | Economics |
| 3 | Education |
| 3 | English |
| 3 | Nutritional Sciences |
| 3 | Philosophy (Non-Sectarian) |
| 3 | Plant Sciences |
| 3 | Political Science |
| 3 | Portuguese |
| 3 | Psychology |
| 3 | Public Health |
| 3 | Public Relations |
| 3 | Religion |
| 3 | Russian |
| 3 | Sociology |
| 3 | Soil and Water Science |
| 3 | Spanish |
| 3 | Sports Management |
| 3 | Sustainability Studies |
| 3 | Telecommunication |
| 3 | Theatre |
| 3 | Theatre Performance |
| 3 | Tourism, Events and Recreation Management |
| 3 | Visual Arts Studies |
| 3 | Wildlife and Wildlands Management |
| 3 | Women’s Studies |
| 3 | Zoology |

Santa Fe College Majors and Tiers

Please inform the UF NROTC Recruiter about your desired major to ensure the NROTC Program recognizes the major and you will best be able to transition to the University of Florida upon receiving your associate’s degree.

Please see the link below regarding a new agreement between Santa Fe and the University of Florida where the University of Florida will guarantee acceptance of Santa Fe students provided certain criteria are met.

<https://www.sfcollege.edu/transfer/uf/yes/>

UF NROTC Academic Course Requirements

The following courses are required in addition to required naval science courses:

Calculus

MAC 2311 - Calculus 1

MAC 2312 - Calculus 2

Physics

PHY 2048/L - Physics 1 (including the lab)

PHY 2049/L - Physics 2 (including the lab)

English

ENC 1101 - English 1

ENC 1102 - English 2

ENC 3246 - Professional Communication for Engineers

ENC 3254 - Professional Writing

Any English course that meets the Composition (C) requirement for UF

American History / National Security Policy

AMH 2020 - United States Since 1877 (3 Credits)

INR 2001 - Introduction to International Relations (3 Credits)

World Culture and Regional Studies

ABT 3500 - Arabic Culture (3 Credits)

AFH 2000 - Africa in World History (3 Credits)

ASH 3442 - Modern Japan (3 Credits)

CHT 3500 - Chinese Culture (3 Credits)

CZE 1130 - Introduction to Czech Language and Culture 1 (5 Credits)

EUS 3036 - The Balkans: History, Culture, Politics (3 Credits)

EUS 3113 - History of Turks (3 Credits)

FRE 3502 - Francophone Cultures (3 Credits)

FRE 3564 - Contemporary French Culture (3 Credits)

GEA 3405 - Geography of Latin America (3 Credits)

GEA 3500 - Geography of Europe (3 Credits)

GEA 3600 - Geography of Africa (3 Credits)

GER 1130 - Beginning Intensive German 1 (5 Credits)

GER 3330 - German Language and Culture 1 (3 Credits)

HAT 3503 - Haitian Culture and Literature in Translation (3 Credits)

HUM 2420 - African Humanities (3 Credits)

ITA 3503 - Naples: Culture and History (3 Credits)

ITA 3564 - Contemporary Italian Culture (3 Credits)

JPT 3500 - Japanese Culture (3 Credits)

KOR 1130 - Beginning Korean 1 (5 Credits)

LAH 2020 - Introduction to Latin American History (3 Credits)

LAS 2001 - Introduction to Latin American Studies (3 Credits)

POL 1130 - Introduction to Polish Language and Culture 1 (5 Credits)

POR 3502 - Brazilian Culture (3 Credits)

REL 2300 - Introduction to World Religions (3 Credits)

REL 2341 - Introduction to Buddhism (3 Credits)

REL 2362 - Introduction to Islam (3 Credits)

REL 2502 - Introduction to Christianity (3 Credits)

REL 2600 - Jews, Judaism, and Jewishness (3 Credits)

REL 3318 - Chinese Religions (3 Credits)

REL 3330 - Religions of India (3 Credits)

REL 3381 - Religion in Latin America (3 Credits)

RUS 1130 - Introduction to Russian Language and Culture 1 (5 Credits)

RUT 3504 - Russia Today (3 Credits)

SPN 3510 - Culture and Civilization of Spain (3 Credits)

SPN 3520 - Culture and Civilization of Spanish America (3 Credits)

VTT 3500 - Vietnamese Culture (3 Credits)

Medical Considerations for the NROTC Program

If you have been found physically qualified or granted a medical waiver, but you experience a change in your medical status (such as a new illness, injury, medication, or surgery), between the time of your DoDMERB physical examination and the time of reporting to your ROTC unit, you must alert DoDMERB of this change at 1-800-841-2706 or via email at usaf.usafa.dodmerb.mbx.helpdesk@mail.mil.

Major medical considerations are summarized here so that you and your doctors can anticipate if you meet the basic requirements for admission into the NROTC program. This is not a comprehensive listing of all disqualifying conditions, but a brief and general summary for your convenience, based on the most common disqualifiers that are applied to new applicants.

**Eyes and Vision Disqualifications**

Below is a listing of those eye and vision disqualifications that are the most prevalent. This listing, while comprehensive, does not contain all possible disqualifications for eyes and vision.

* Vision not correctable to 20/20 in both eyes is disqualifying. Spherical equivalent exceeding 8.00 diopters or astigmatism exceeding 3.00 diopters is disqualifying.
* Substandard color vision is disqualifying.
* Many chronic eye diseases/conditions such as keratoconus, glaucoma, optic atrophy, cataracts and retinal detachment are disqualifying.
* Refractive surgery within the previous 6 months is disqualifying.

**Heart and Vascular System**

Among the disqualifying conditions are: uncorrected septal defect, hypertension, severe or symptomatic varicose veins, valvular stenosis, and mitral valve prolapse which has either caused symptoms or been associated with rhythm disturbance or regurgitation.

**Ears and Hearing**

Both ears must be free of tympanic membrane perforation and acute or chronic disease. The average of the hearing loss at 500, 1000 and 2000 Hz in either ear may not exceed 30 decibels (ISO), and the loss at any one of these three frequencies may not exceed 35 decibels. The maximum acceptable loss in either ear is 45 decibels at 3000 Hz and 55 decibels at 4000 Hz.

**Respiratory System**

Asthma, exercise-induced bronchospasm, or reactive airway disease by any name is disqualifying.

**Musculoskeletal System**

Recent bone/joint injuries that have not fully healed, or any history of non-union fractures, shoulder, hip, or knee instability, internal derangement of a major joint not successfully repaired, compartment syndrome, spondylolisthesis, severe scoliosis, herniated nucleus pulposus, or spinal surgery are disqualifying.

**Genitourinary System**

Chronic protein, sugar, or blood in the urine is disqualifying, as is history of recurrent or bilateral kidney stones. Severe congenital or developmental anomalies, neoplastic conditions, persistent or recurrent infections, and certain complications of infections are cause for rejection. A current undescended testicle is disqualifying, as are current pregnancy or severe dysmenorrhea.

**Gastrointestinal System**

History of chronic esophagitis, malabsorption syndromes, liver disease, Crohn’s Disease, ulcerative colitis, or functional bowel disease is disqualifying.

**Neuropsychiatric Disorders**

Seizure disorders (other than remote history of childhood febrile seizures), neurodegenerative conditions, recent or severe traumatic brain injuries, recurrent or severe headaches, and severe motion sickness are disqualifying. History of psychosis or affective illness, personality disorder, eating disorders such as bulimia and anorexia, some mood and anxiety disorders, bedwetting or sleepwalking persisting into adolescence are disqualifying. Academic skills defects treated past age 14, (including learning disabilities or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder) are disqualifying, but potentially waive-able if academically successful without the use of accommodations or medications.

**Skin**

Chronic diseases such as psoriasis, atopic dermatitis, and eczema are disqualifying. Severe acne is disqualifying until successfully treated. If a course of Accutane is undertaken, this should be completed with documentation of a favorable outcome prior to freshman indoctrination. Pilonidal cyst is disqualifying unless successfully resected.

**Other Disqualifying Conditions (this list is not all-inclusive)**

* Unrepaired ventral or inguinal hernia
* Uncorrected anemia
* History of venous thrombosis, bleeding or clotting disorders
* Diabetes mellitus
* Autoimmune disease
* Sickle cell disease (sickle cell trait without anemia, and glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency are not disqualifying)
* Any active communicable infection
* Chronic Hepatitis B or Hepatitis C
* Systemic allergic reaction to stinging or biting insects, unless has completed venom immune therapy
* Allergy to common foods requiring special dietary considerations
* A history of drug and alcohol use disorders
* HIV or AIDS