



# UNITED STATES AIR FORCE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL'S CORPS RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING CORPS

## OVERVIEW

The Graduate Law Program (GLP) is designed for first year law students to participate in the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) for two years while in law school. The One-Year College Program (OYCP) is designed for second year law students to participate in AFROTC for one year while in law school. The Judge Advocate General's Corps (JAG Corps) does not award any scholarships for participation in GLP/OYCP. However, students successfully completing GLP/OYCP are guaranteed a position in the JAG Corps once they meet all the JAG Corps' licensing requirements.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be attending an ABA-approved law school that either offers an AFROTC program or allows students to take AFROTC courses at a nearby school via a crosstown agreement
- Must be in good academic standing
- Must be a United States citizen
- Must meet ROTC entry standards such as weight and medical standards
- Must commission as an officer before the age of 42

## TRAINING AND COMMISSIONING

The AFROTC Detachment will decide how cadets complete their academic requirements. The academic requirements consist of four classes (AS100, AS200, AS300, and AS400). GLP cadets complete the academic requirements during their second and third years of law school. OYCP cadets complete the academic requirements at an accelerated rate during their third year of law school. Detachments may waive AS100 and AS200 for OYCP cadets.

Detachments will also require cadets to attend physical training sessions and Leadership Lab. In Leadership Lab, cadets learn military drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, and are given the opportunity to participate in leadership exercises.

GLP and OYCP cadets attend field training during the summer before their third year of law school. Field training is a two-week encampment that includes physical conditioning,

weapons, and survival training. Field training is held at Maxwell Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Upon completion of the AFROTC program and graduation from law school, GLP/OYCP cadets are commissioned as second lieutenants in an Inactive Reserve status. Graduates of GLP/OYCP begin active duty as first lieutenants after completing legal licensing requirements and are eligible for promotion to captain after six months of active duty. The initial active duty commitment is four years.

Within a few months after reporting to their first duty location, JAGs will attend the Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC). JASOC is a nine-week course at the Air Force Judge Advocate General's School, which is also located at Maxwell AFB. JASOC is designed to ease the transition into practicing law in the military setting. At JASOC, new JAGs are exposed to the military justice system, legal assistance, civil law, and operations and international law. They also have the opportunity to participate in mock trials, practical exercises, and gain leadership skills.

### **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Applicants must interview with the local AFROTC Detachment (where they plan to receive training) before applying to the JAG Corps to ensure the Detachment is willing to enroll them as a cadet if they are selected into the JAG Corps. The Detachments interview applicants to determine if they meet AFROTC requirements and standards for acceptance as a cadet. Detachments provide applicants with a conditional acceptance memorandum to include in the online application.

The JAG Corps conducts a GLP/OYCP board once per year. The application is available online at <https://jagusaf.jag.af.mil/>. The online application window opens 1 November and the application deadline is 10 January. Once an application is submitted, an active duty Staff Judge Advocate or their staff contacts the applicant to schedule the required in-person interview, which must be completed by 1 February.

Law students enrolled in a full-time J.D. program are eligible to apply to GLP during their first year of law school and to OYCP during their second year of law school. Part-time law students enrolled in a four-year J.D. program are eligible to apply to GLP in their second year of law school and to OYCP in their third year of law school.

Selection boards use the whole person concept. Factors include academic performance, extracurricular activities, community service, work experience, motivation for service, leadership traits, personal integrity, awards and honors, legal writing/analytical skills, adaptability and flexibility, and current or prior military experience, if applicable. An applicant's fitness level and ability to meet the Air Force height/weight entry standards are also factors that the board will review. Prior military service is not a requirement and nearly 85% of our current JAGs have no prior military experience.

When completing the online application, applicants should follow all directions closely. Application documents include the following:

- ROTC Detachment Commander Conditional Acceptance Memo
- Full-Length Photograph – Must be forward facing head-to-toe (courtroom attire)
- Motivational Statement (1 page, double-spaced, 1-inch margins, 11-point font) – A statement detailing your motivation to become an Air Force JAG
- Resume (1 page, chronological format)
- Transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable) – Undergraduate, Graduate (if applicable), and Law School
- LSAT Score Report – The most current report
- Staff Judge Advocate Interview – Completed after application submission
- OPRs/EPRs – Prior military or currently in the ANG/ARC (if applicable)
- DD Form 214 – Certificate of Release/Discharge from Active Duty (if applicable)
- Writing Sample (up to 10 pages) (optional, but strongly recommended)
- Letters of Recommendation (up to 5) (optional, but strongly recommended)

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information about GLP, OYCP, or service in the active duty Air Force JAG Corps, visit [www.airforce.com/jag](http://www.airforce.com/jag), call 1-800-JAG-USAF, or email [af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil](mailto:af.jag.recruiting@us.af.mil).



## GRADUATE LAW PROGRAM (GLP) CHECKLIST/TIMELINE

	DATE	ACTION
1L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester	Review JAG Corps application requirements ( <a href="http://www.airforce.com/jag">www.airforce.com/jag</a> ) Review AFROTC program requirements ( <a href="http://www.afrotc.com">www.afrotc.com</a> ) <i>- Identify local AFROTC Detachment for enrollment</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester	Complete interview with AFROTC Detachment Commander <i>- Receive conditional acceptance memo for JAG application</i> <i>- Do not sign any documents to incur Air Force commitment</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JANUARY 10</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION</b> <i>- Upload signed AFROTC Detachment memo into the online application</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Jan)	Interview with Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) at base legal office <i>- Interview locations are listed on the online application</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FEBRUARY 1</b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH AN SJA</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Mar)	Applicants notified of selection board results
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Apr-Aug)	Meet with AFROTC Detachment to complete contracting requirements <i>- Includes medical processing, physical fitness assessment, passing the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), etc.</i>
2L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Spring Semester	Complete AFROTC academic and physical training requirements <i>- AS100, 200, 300, Leadership Lab, and physical training</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Complete 2-week AFROTC field training* at Maxwell AFB, AL <i>*May be completed during 1L summer with Detachment approval</i>
3L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Spring Semester	Complete AFROTC academic and physical training requirements <i>- AS400, Leadership Lab, and physical training</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Law school graduation Commissioned Line of the Air Force as 2d Lt, Inactive Reserves <i>- Take oath of office</i>
POST LAW SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Bar Exam
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive Bar Exam results and complete legal licensing requirements
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive JAG Corps assignment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Winter	Entry on active duty (date varies based on completion of legal licensing requirements) and report to first duty location <i>- Commission as 1st Lt</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> As scheduled (nine week training)	Attend Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC) at Maxwell AFB, AL within a few months after reporting to first duty location



# ONE YEAR COLLEGE PROGRAM (OYCP) CHECKLIST/TIMELINE

	DATE	ACTION
2L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester	Review JAG Corps application requirements ( <a href="http://www.airforce.com/jag">www.airforce.com/jag</a> ) Review AFROTC program requirements ( <a href="http://www.afrotc.com">www.afrotc.com</a> ) <i>- Identify local AFROTC Detachment for enrollment</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall Semester	Complete interview with AFROTC Detachment <i>- Do not sign any documents to incur Air Force commitment</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>JANUARY 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE ONLINE APPLICATION</b> <i>- Upload AFROTC Detachment memo into the online application</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Jan)	Interview with Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) at base legal office <i>- Interview locations are listed on the online application</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>DEADLINE FOR THE INTERVIEW WITH A SJA</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Mar)	Applicants notified of selection board results
	<input type="checkbox"/> Spring Semester (Apr-Aug)	Meet with AFROTC Detachment to complete contracting requirements <i>- Includes medical processing, physical fitness assessment, passing the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test (AFOQT), etc.</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Complete AFROTC academic and physical training requirements before field training (AS100, AS200, physical training)* <i>- Detachments may waive for OYCP cadets</i> Complete 2-week AFROTC field training at Maxwell AFB, AL
3L YEAR	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Spring Semester	Complete AFROTC academic and physical training requirements <i>- AS300, AS400, Leadership Lab, and physical training</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Law school graduation Commissioned Line of the Air Force as 2d Lt, Inactive Reserves <i>- Take oath of office</i>
POST LAW SCHOOL	<input type="checkbox"/> Summer	Bar Exam
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive Bar Exam results and complete legal licensing requirements
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall	Receive JAG Corps assignment
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fall/Winter	Entry on active duty (date varies based on completion of legal licensing requirements) and report to first duty location <i>- Commission as 1st Lt</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> As scheduled (nine week training)	Attend Judge Advocate Staff Officer Course (JASOC) at Maxwell AFB, AL within a few months after reporting to first duty location