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Prep School Access:

<https://twitter.com/USAFAPrepSchool>

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We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy and #YourUSAFAPrep for the Prep School. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731.

Cadet Class Statistics (as of 31 Aug 17)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2017	5	1	6
2018	793	215	1008
2019	762	265	1027
2020	748	305	1053
2021	851	325	1176
WING	3159	1111	4270

53 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

Prep School Class Statistics (as of 11 Sep 17)

Class year	Men	Women	Total
2017-2018	173	57	230

ACADEMY APP AVAILABLE –

Do you have an iTunes or Android enabled device? Get the latest Academy news, photos, videos, and more with the Academy App.



Android app available on Google Play at:
<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.u360mobile.airforceacademy> .

Apple app available at the I-Tunes Store at:
<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/united-states-air-force-academy/id427133480?mt=8>

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By Col. Martin France, Astronautics Department head, Oct. 10, 2017

“Learning space by doing space” is the motto of the Air Force Academy’s unique FalconSAT senior capstone engineering program, a program unlike any other undergraduate space program in the world. Each year Astro Department faculty, aided by experts from

other departments, NCOs, technicians and contractors, provide cadets with the real hands-on experience of designing, building, testing, and launching and operating satellites for the Air Force.

FalconSAT's roots trace back to the early 1980s when the first cadet experiments were designed for space shuttle missions. These later morphed into balloon-launched testbeds and small payloads followed by free-flying satellites launched in the early 2000s. Since the mid-2000s, the Air Force Research Lab has sponsored the FalconSAT program, providing funding and payloads to give cadets this unique opportunity. Each FalconSAT has included payloads intended to provide flight heritage and experimental data to researchers at AFRL, the Academy, NASA, Air Force Space Command and major contractors.

We like to say that each year, we have to fire our complete cadet staff, as one class graduates, and hire a new one. For the Class of 2018, the first few weeks involved learning the current state of the FalconSAT program, and being interviewed and screened before they're selected for jobs within the program. Throughout the year, cadets and staff work as a team to advance the program, presenting status updates at the end of the semester. Cadets travel to brief senior leaders and gain approval for the program at the major command, Air Force and Defense Department levels, participate in testing campaigns at AFRL facilities, and represent FalconSAT at launch working groups.

This year's program focuses on two goals: completing preparations for the launch and operation of FalconSAT-6 and the assembling the FalconSAT-8 flight model. The FalconSAT-6 flight model was completed in 2016 and is awaiting launch in 2018 on the Space Test Program's STP-2 mission aboard a Falcon Heavy launch vehicle produced by SpaceX. The primary mission of FS-6 is to test electric propulsion, contamination measurement, and advanced solar power technologies. Cadets are preparing to operate FalconSAT-6 from the Michael Wynne Space Operations Center in the Astro Lab using the FalconSAT-6 Avionics Test Bed, a hardware-in-the-loop simulator.

FalconSAT-8 will test advanced propulsion technologies and small payloads that will gain space flight heritage. It is scheduled to be launch-ready in late 2018.

FalconSAT experience is invaluable to the development of future Air Force leaders. Graduates of the program have earned numerous nationally competitive scholarships, including two Rhodes scholarships and three Holaday Fellowships in the last 15 years, and have gone on to do similar work at the Space and Missile Systems Center, the AFRL, National Reconnaissance Office, and in operational space and rated duties. Many cite their real-world FalconSAT lessons as the best, most effective preparation for active duty that they received during their cadet career.

PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

Central Email for Prep School Questions:
PrepInfo@usafa.edu, or phone (719) 333-2583

Website: <https://www.usafa.edu/prep-school/>

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL
5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117
USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

Prep School 2017-2018 Academic Calendar:

https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/PL_Calendar_12Jul2017.pdf

HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs –

Parent Information Link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/parents/>

Graduation Information Link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/about/traditions/graduation/>

USAFA's Public Calendar Link:

(Managed by the Association of Graduates)

www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events

2016 - 2017 Cadet Academic Calendar Link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/AY-2016-2017-Calendar-Approved-12-Jul-16-1.pdf>

2017 - 2018 Cadet Academic Calendar Link:

The Academic Calendar for 2017-2018 has been approved and you can find it at the following link:

<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/AY2017-2018Calendar.pdf>

Curriculum Handbook:

(also outlines summer programs available for cadets in what year):

<https://www.usafa.edu/app/uploads/CHB.pdf>

Cadet Major listing:

<https://www.usafa.edu/academics/majors-minors/>

Cadet Clubs:

(just a listing of clubs and POCs,
not a schedule of where they may be):

<https://www.usafa.edu/cadet-life/clubs/>

Cadet Survival Guide: Go to www.usafasupport.com

and click Arnold Hall or go to the below link:

<http://nebula.wsimg.com/0c9d0bf12f8b6a1ca725ae69871b531b?AccessKeyId=C7760A2EE485D3702028&disposition=0&alloworigin=1>

Cadet Media:

www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media

Admissions:

(parents can help us recruit future cadets):

www.academyadmissions.com/

Sports Schedules:

www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/

Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop):

(719) 472-8589

petalsnblooms.com

Gift Cards order phone numbers:

Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (719) 472-1953

10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

Hometown News Release (must have CAC card):

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

Life Touch photos:

POC: Sherri Peloso [http://lifetouch.com/](http://lifetouch.com)

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

UPCOMING DATES:

21 – 26 Nov 17	Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD). Return by 7:00 pm on 26 Nov 17
22 – 26 Nov 17	Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am) Return by 7:00 pm on 26 Nov 17
11 -15 Dec 17	Cadet Fall Finals
14-15 Dec 17	Prep School Fall Finals
16 Dec 17 – 2 Jan 18	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 2 Jan 18) Check w/cadet ... Cadets can leave after their last final
16 Dec 17 – 2 Jan 18	Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on 2 Jan 18)
21 – 23 Feb 18	National Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
8 – 10 Mar 18	Recognition for Class of 2021
23 Mar 18 – 1 Apr 18	Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 1 Apr 18)
23 Mar – 1 Apr 18	Prep School Spring Break (Return by 7:00 pm on 1 Apr 18)
16 May 18	Prep School Baccalaureate Awards Ceremony
17 May 18	Prep School Parade & Graduation
23 May 18	2018 Graduation
28 Jun 18	2022 Class In-Processes
2 Jun 18	1 st Summer Session Begins
23 Jun 18	1 st Session Ends/2 nd Session Begins
28 Jun 18	2022 Class In-Processes
14 Jul 18	2 nd Session Ends/3 rd Session Begins
4 Aug 18	3 rd Session Ends
4 Aug 18	Cadet Wing Returns by 7pm

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Parent Liaison Contact Info:

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2017 CADET THANKSGIVING BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting October 9 thru November 10, 2017

No refunds or changes after November 10, 2017

All seats sold after Nov 10 sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 20 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...

Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

21 NOV 2017: 0400, 0700, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

22 NOV 2017: 0400, 0700

RETURN 26 Nov 2017: 1100, 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 9 Oct 2017– 10 Nov 2017
ROUND TRIP	\$50.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

21 NOV 2017: 0415, 0715, 0815, 1015, 1215, 1315, 1415, 1515, 1615, 1715

22 NOV 2017: 0415, 0715

RETURN 26 Nov 2017: 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.

Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

1) Prep Buses leave from the Prep school parking lot **ON TIME!** Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Students are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked.

REMEMBER all luggage looks the same.

2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport plus 1 hour security.

3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport plus 1 hour security.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$40.00, COS \$25.00 but there is **NO GUARANTEE** a seat will be available!!

2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door TBD

3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602

Parents or Prep school students may purchase a bus ticket by phone with a MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

Revised 07/08/2017

2017 PREP SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Tickets on sale starting Mon, Oct 9 thru Fri. 10 Nov.

No refunds or changes after 10 Nov.

All seats sold after Fri. 10 Nov sold on space available basis
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Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.
Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 22 Nov: **0930**

RETURN 26 Nov: 1430



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 9 Oct – 10 Nov
ROUND TRIP	\$50.00
ONE WAY	\$35.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 22 Nov: **0945**

RETURN Nov 26: 1430

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 9 Oct – 10 Nov
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

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2017 CADET WINTER BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION

Bus tickets will go on sale starting October 10 thru December 1, 2017. All seats sold after Dec 1 sold on space available basis. Cadets will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes. Please call (719) 333-4602 for updates....All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand. **MUST HAVE AT LEAST 20 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN...**

DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

12 DEC 2017: 1300, 1600, 1800
 13 DEC 2017: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
 14 DEC 2017: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
 15 DEC 2017: 0400, 0800, 1300, 1600, 1800
 16 DEC 2017: 0400, 0800

RETURN 02 JAN 2018: 1100, 1200, 1230, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 10 Oct 2017 – 1 Dec 2017
ROUND TRIP	\$50.00
ONE WAY	\$35.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

12 DEC 2017: 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
 13 DEC 2017: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
 14 DEC 2017: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
 15 DEC 2017: 0415, 0815, 1315, 1615, 1815
 16 DEC 2017: 0415, 0815

RETURN 02 JAN 2018: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets 10 Oct 2017 – 1 Dec 2017
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag. **Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride.** Standby space may be available at the departure site.

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Tickets on sale starting Oct 10, thru Dec 1. No refunds or changes after Dec 1

All seats sold after Dec 1 sold on space available basis

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DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 15: 12:00

RETURN Jan 2: 1430



Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets Oct 10 – Dec 1
ROUND TRIP	\$50.00
ONE WAY	\$35.00



COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT

DEPART from Prep school parking lot Dec 16: 12:15

RETURN Jan 2: 1430

Type of Ticket	Purchase Tickets Oct 10 – Dec 1
ROUND TRIP	\$30.00
ONE WAY	\$20.00

Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
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