



School of Advanced Air and Space Studies
Admissions Process
Active Duty Air Force Personnel

Application Process:

Application Milestone	Date
Application Available	Late August/Early September
Submission Deadline	Late September
Records meet SAASS Central Selection Board (CSB) at Air Force Personnel Center <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board chooses both Primary and Alternate selectees • Selectees notified in early December 	Early November
Selectees notified SAASS of acceptance	Early January
Advanced Studies Group (ASG)* Commandants deconflict selects, as required	Early January
Final ASG list released	Mid-January
SAASS Class starts	July

*Includes other services' schools such as US Army's School of Advanced Military Studies

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Admission Criteria

Active Duty Air Force officers:

- Graduate from in-resident IDE/equivalent program, including ACSC's OLMP
- Volunteer and complete essay
- Possess master's degree from accredited institution (or hold an undergraduate degree w/GPA of 3.25 or higher)
- Have less than 16 years of total active commissioned service *upon entry*
- Selected by SAASS CSB, as noted above

Air National Guard & AF Reserve Component officers:

- All of the above except each of these components holds its own selection board

Sister Services:

- Same criteria as Active Duty AF officers
- Submit essay to SAASS

- Apply through parent service selection and/or assignment process

Admission Criteria, Cont'd

International Officers:

- Your *nation* applies to the Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs (SAF/IA), typically through your embassy
- International students must be native English speakers or score a 94 or above on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), taken within the three years before entering SAASS.
- Nonnative English speakers must have attended an English-speaking, in- residence IDE program, preferably ACSC. (Those attending ACSC must attend the International Officer School (IOS) prep course.)
 - Those entering without having attended ACSC must have attended an English-speaking intermediate program in residence but will forego the IOS prep course due to conflicts with the SAASS course schedule.
- International students should possess undergraduate- or graduate-degree qualifications equivalent to those required of US students.

Frequently Asked Questions

- What is the make-up of the selection board?
 - Chaired by the Air University Commander; includes the SAASS Commandant, members of the faculty and senior colonels who are SAASS graduates and represent numerous career fields
- Should I continue with the normal assignment process?
 - Yes; if selected, you may choose to attend SAASS or decline attendance without any negative repercussions
- Can I apply for other service ASG schools?
 - Yes; if selected for more than one, we will discuss your preferences and work with the other schools
- Are there quotas of any kind?
 - No; normally, SAASS class size is limited to 45; we search for “best qualified” candidates but strive for a useful mix within a meritocracy