

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



Do we need to bring blues/service dress?

-No, blues or service dress are not required for SOS.

What does the average day look like at SOS?

-Students can expect to be in class from 0800-1630, with some variation depending on the events of the day. You are afforded an hour for lunch.

I'm overseas and I'm arriving Saturday night, will my room be available?

-Yes, please call the University Inn prior to your arrival so they can adjust your reservation. Contact your Flight Commander if there are any issues.

Will we have holidays off?

-Yes, SOS observes all Federal holidays.

Are there facilities for laundry in lodging and how much do they cost?

-Yes, there is a laundry room in each of the buildings in lodging. The machines are free, but you need to bring/purchase your own detergent and dryer sheets.

Are we allowed to travel on the weekends? How far can we travel?

-Yes, you are allowed to travel on the weekends. You will need to get all travel plans approved through your Flight Commander/Squadron Commander. Each squadron will go over their travel policy and weekend locator requirements.

I'm flying in and my unit won't issue me a rental car. Will I be able to walk to get where I need to go?

-University Inn is across the street from the SOS building, the Maxwell Fitness Center is also nearby, and the DFAC is about a third of a mile walk. The BX and commissary are about a 1-mile walk.

I'm working DTS, but I have not received my LOA, can you help me?

-SOS does not handle the LOAs, that is an AETC TDY-to-School function. They should cross-org you the LOA a few days after you have signed and returned your RIP. All TDY-to-School (TTS) requests must be submitted through the TTS website or Student Travel Portal (STP) and should be answered within three business days. The system will track and provide the customer with automated updates on inquiries from submission to resolution.

- TTS website (<https://tdyotoschool.us.af.mil/login>): All requests for TTS funded courses must be submitted through the TTS website. For example, request for quotas, validating training line number (TLN), and cross-org/line of accounting.
 - Only FSS (Training Managers) should submit requests to the TDY-to-School website.
- STP (<https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/AETCFM/aetcfmstp>): All other inquiries must be submitted through the STP.
 - If this is your first time accessing the STP, you will be prompted to create a profile.

Do we book lodging through DTS?

-SOS reserves the lodging for students so you do not need to book it through DTS. Any Non-Availability letter or notification of no lodging available received through DTS should be ignored.

How do we get from the airport to Maxwell?

-SOS does not offer transportation services. There are several Taxi companies that can get on base. Some Uber/Lyft can also get on base, but you would have to make sure the driver has access. **Uber/Lyft driver that do not have base access will be required to drop you off at the front gate.**