

Airmanship Programs — Basic vs. Advanced Clearance

BASIC (B)

DD 2992 valid **4 years** — expires 31 May of the graduation year.

After DNIF → RTFS: the new 2992 keeps the **same 31 May graduation-year expiration**.

ADVANCED (A)

DD 2992 valid **1 year** — cadet returns annually for a physical.

After DNIF → RTFS: expiration stays tied to the **date of the last annual physical**.

Rule of thumb: if the cadet instructs, upgrades, or competes — soloing routinely — it is Advanced. Student-level intro courses are Basic.

Basic Airmanship (B)

COURSE	TRAINING	OFFERINGS	SOLO?
AM-201 Powered Flight Fundamentals	4 flights in a T-53A with a Rated Officer	8 academic-year offerings (~1 mo, ~95 students each); up to 3 summer (3 wks, ~19–80 each)	No
AM-251 Basic Soaring	14 flights in a TG-16A glider with a Rated Officer or Cadet Instructor Pilot	4 academic-year offerings (~2 mos, ~60 each); 3 summer (3 wks, ~100 each)	Possible
AM-302 Powered Flight Training	14 flights in a T-53A with a Rated Officer	In flux — currently ~2 summer offerings (3 wks, ~15 students each)	Possible
AM-490 Basic Parachuting	5 parachute jumps	4 academic-year offerings (~1 mo, ~80 each); 7 summer (2 wks, ~70 each)	Yes

Advanced Airmanship (A)

All Advanced courses fly or jump solo.

COURSE	TRAINING	OFFERINGS	SOLO?
AM-461 Soaring Instructor Pilot Upgrade	75 flights in a TG-16A with a Rated Officer or Cadet IP. Graduates become Cadet Instructor Pilots.	1 class per year, some starting January (~70 upgraders/year)	Yes
AM-465 Precision Flight Training — USAFA Flying Team	Upgrade/follow-on training in the T-41 and T-51 with a Rated Officer or Cadet IP	1 academic-year class (27 cadets); 3 summer (3 wks, ~9 each)	Yes
AM-472 Basic Soaring Instructor Pilot	Soaring IP teaching AM-251	4 academic-year offerings (~2 mos, ~60 IPs each); 3 summer (3 wks, ~40 each)	Yes
AM-473 Soaring Instructor Pilot	Soaring IP teaching AM-461	2 academic-year offerings (1 semester, ~60 IPs each)	Yes

COURSE	TRAINING	OFFERINGS	SOLO?
AM-474 Sailplane Racing / Cross-Country Team	Competition team; also serves as a Soaring IP	1 academic-year offering (full year, ~15 IPs); 3 summer (3 wks, ~5 each)	Yes
AM-475 Sailplane Aerobatic Demonstration Team	Demonstration/competition team; also serves as a Soaring IP	1 academic-year offering (full year, ~15 IPs); 3 summer (3 wks, ~5 each)	Yes
AM-491 Advanced Parachute / Jumpmaster / Instructor	"Wings of Green" upgrade — graduates become "Wings of Blue" Jumpmasters	1 class per academic year (full year, ~27 upgraders)	Yes
AM-496 Parachute Team	"Wings of Blue" Cadet Jumpmasters	1 academic-year class (full year, ~54); 3 summer (3 wks, ~18 each)	Yes

Class sizes and offerings change year to year — confirm with the Airmanship programs when precision matters. • **USAF Academy Flight Medicine Clinic • 719-333-5950**