12 AFROTC cadets selected for professional officer course

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Twelve Air Force ROTC cadets from the University of Montana have been selected to participate in an advanced two-year professional officer course.

Selections were announced by Col. Jack Swayze, chairman and professor of aerospace studies at UM.

As participants in AFROTC program, the cadets will spend the next two years studying space and astronautics, Air Force history and have the opportunity to develop communicative skills, leadership and management while enrolled at the University.

The requirements for entrance into the professional officer course are successful completion of the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test, completion of an academic degree within a two-year period, and excellent physical health. The cadets involved in the course are:

Stephen S. Lerum, Michael E. Shaw and Douglas R. Austin, Missoula; William R. Baldassin, Butte; Martin G. Palagi and Fred W. Traber, Great Falls.

John C. Dibbern, Billings; Leonard J. LaBrie, Whitefish; Roger L. Nielson, Ronan; Thomas E. Jellar, Roundup; Leon P. Frantzick, Poplar, and Peter S. VanSickle, Rapid City, S.D., formerly of McLean, Va.