Frequently Asked Questions

Question: What kinds of Cadets are competitive for OSI duty?

Answer: OSI uses the whole person concept when selecting Cadets for OSI duty. OSI seeks Cadets who are intelligent, hard-working, and display leadership qualities.

Question: What kinds of degrees does OSI look for?

Answer: OSI does not have specific degree requirements. While the Tier 1 and Tier 2 degree programs in the AFOCD for OSI include several Criminal Justice, Cyber, and Humanities focused degrees, OSI does not use degree programs as a discriminator when selecting Cadets for OSI duty. OSI seeks Cadets with diverse backgrounds, which includes diverse educational experiences.

Question: Are there any specialized skills that set Cadets apart for OSI duty?

Answer: Having any prior foreign language or cyber training or experience is helpful, but not required.

Question: What can Cadets do to set themselves apart as applicants?

Answer: Leadership experience matters, whether it is within their ROTC Detachment, in an internship, or as a volunteer. Also, we encourage Cadets interested in OSI to establish a relationship with their servicing OSI unit and to set up time to shadow members of that unit. This not only gives Cadets a great deal of insight into what OSI life is actually like, but also allows OSI field leaders to better assess and recommend Cadets for OSI duty.

Question: How can I get OSI to brief at a Career Day?

Answer: Start by reaching out to your servicing OSI unit. If you are not sure where that unit is or how to contact them, reach out to the OSI Officer Assignments Team at: AFPC.DP2LS.71SAssignmentsTeam@us.af.mil