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## **ACADEMY RANKED AMONG NATION'S BEST COLLEGES**

**U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo.,** -- The Air Force Academy's professors are among the most accessible in the nation, according to *The Best 373 Colleges* text, released today by Princeton Review.

Faculty availability is an expectation at a military service academy, and the U.S. Air Force Academy ranks first in the nation, again, in professor availability. At the U.S. Air Force Academy, the student-faculty ratio is 9:1, average class size is 20, 100 percent of the faculty is full-time and zero classes are taught by teaching assistants. Several academic departments here also staff Extra Instruction laboratories throughout the academic day, with at least one professor available each class period to help cadets tackle questions arising from their latest lessons.

"This is the Air Force Academy's fifth '#1 most accessible faculty ranking' in the past six years and validates our outstanding faculty's dedication and commitment to developing officers of character for our Air Force and our nation," said Brig. Gen. Dana Born, Dean of the Faculty. "This national ranking is great validation our cadets once again voted the Air Force Academy as #1 for most accessible professors. That's an indisputable fact and speaks volumes about our cadets' report on our faculty's commitment to their learning and development, year after year!"

The Princeton Review ranked the Air Force Academy number one in professor availability in its 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 Best Colleges editions, and number four in the same category for its 2010 best colleges edition.

““It is a wonderful reflection of our dedicated faculty that, once again, they have been recognized by the Princeton Review as being the #1: Most Accessible Faculty,” added General Born. “This recognition speaks volumes to our wonderful instructors and validates their dedication and commitment to developing officers of character for our Air Force Academy and our nation. Most of us remember that particular high school or college teacher who made a difference in our lives by demonstrating how much they cared. The Air Force Academy is full of such instructors. I am proud to be part of a cadre of this caliber and character, each of whom is a major ingredient in achieving our goal of developing lifelong learners and leaders of character for our Air Force and our nation.”

The Academy also came out in several other top-20 rankings in the nation, including:

- #4 Don't Inhale
- #4 Stone-Cold Sober Schools
- #4 Most Conservative Students
- #4 Everyone Plays Intramural Sports
- #6 Future Rotarians and Daughters of the American Revolution
- #20 Scotch and Soda, Hold The Scotch

The Princeton Review features the Air Force Academy and other local colleges in *The Best 373 Colleges*, the new 2011 edition of its annual "best colleges" guide. The guide utilizes online student surveys in 62 categories to assess the academic, administrative, social, extracurricular and quality of life aspects of life at American colleges.

The Air Force Academy's fall semester begins Aug. 5.