ROTC
Branch of Choice

Chart Your Course

Career Satisfaction Program

Shape Your Army Experience
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To Improve your Branch Satisfaction, You Can Extend Your Active Duty Service Obligation by Three Years to Get Your Branch of Choice

1. ROTC Still Branches According to the Cadet OML (See OMS Score Calculation Tab)
2. Top 10% Cadets on the AD OML will get their First Choice
3. Cadets in the Top 50% of Each Branch Allocation Will Not Incur the Three Year Obligation even if you signed a CSP Branch Option contract

Repeat:: IF you signed a CSP Branch ADSO contract and fall in the top 50% of your branch allocation you WILL NOT be charged the three year ADSO

4. Remaining 50% of Branch Slots will be assigned in the following priority
   1. Those willing to serve to obtain the branch (Branch of Choice)
   2. Army requirements
   3. By OML
     *note: Only 65% of a branch allocation can come from the top half of the AD OML

4. Willingness to sign a CSP Branch ADSO Does Not Guarantee Your First Branch Choice
5. Total Slots in Each Branch Based on Army Requirements
The Active Duty Branching Process

1. **Top 10%**: First Choice

3. **Fill 50% of branch slots by OML with no CSP ADSO requirement**

4. **Fill remaining 50% by:**
   1. OML with CSP Branch ADSO
   2. Army requirement
   3. OML

   *note: Only 65% of a branch allocation can come from the top half of the AD OML

4. **Officer goes into the DA Branching Model**
   - Must sign CSP Branch ADSO to get a top-3 branch choice

   4. **Will Receive Branch by DABM/Board**

1. **Is Cadet Top 10% of AD OML?**
   - YES: Receive 1st Choice
   - NO: Consider 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Branch Choices in Order

2. **Has the branch requested filled to 50%**
   - NO: Receive Branch
   - YES: Repeat for 2nd and 3rd Choice

3. **Did Cadet Sign CSP Branch ADSO?**
   - YES: Is Cadet in Top or Bottom 1/2 of AD OML
   - NO: Did Branch fill to 65%?

   3. **Did Branch fill to 65%**
      - NO: Did Branch fill to 100%?
      - YES: Receive Branch with CSP Branch ADSO
      - NO: Bottom

   4. **Will Receive Branch by DABM/Board**

   5. **Repeat for 2nd and 3rd Choice**
Branching Method 4: DABM

- The Department of the Army Branching Model (DABM) is an optimization program that provides a branch to all Cadets not pre-branched.

- The DABM attempts to optimize three main things:
  1. OML Quality balance between branches
  2. Demographic balance between branches
  3. Cadet Branch Satisfaction

- The Branching and Selection board must validate the DABM’s branch assignments.

NEW for yg2011

The DABM will not consider a Cadet for one of their top three branch choices, unless the Cadet has signed a CSP Branch ADSO. In previous years the top three choices were not considered regardless of ADSO. If the Cadet receives a top-3 branch, the CSP ADSO will be charged.
yg2010 Pre-Branch Fill Rates

Branches that had Pre-branching due to Aviation Program UND or Required Medical Specialties
Branches that had Pre-branch Allocations reduced to ensure 10% of Branch to DABM
Cadets with Engineer Degrees, 50% of “EN” allocation considered to degreed engineers only

Branch Process Slides Provided by Cadet Command G1
Branch Detailing gives the officer an opportunity to serve in IN, AR, FA or CM during their platoon leader years. Volunteers are considered FIRST.

- Army Branch Detail requirement of 447
- No top 10% non-volunteer required to detail
- DA Restriction of “No More Than” 4% Female to FA Branch and 30% Female to CM Branch
- Volunteers considered first
- Board was directed to distribute quality