

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL FLIGHT STUDENT HANDBOOK

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Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight focuses on the practical aeronautical decision-making skills you would need to fulfill a career as a crewmember working for an airline. You will not only gain the technical skills and knowledge to succeed in the field of aeronautics but will learn the soft skills desired by the aviation industry.

If you hold a minimum of a commercial pilot certificate with airplane single-engine and multiengine ratings, and a flight instructor Airplane Single Engine Land (ASEL) certificate, you may receive up to 45 transfer credits for the flight portion. If you are a current or former First Officer for any length of time, or if you are a current or former Captain of one year or more, you may earn additional transfer credit above the 45 credits. If you do not hold all the FAA certifications and ratings, you should be simultaneously enrolled with a Purdue Global approved flight school, described under Program Requirements and Curriculum.

Mandatory Purdue Global Orientation

You must complete the assigned PGO activities by 11:59pm ET on Monday, Day 6 of your first term. These include:

- Post to a discussion board
- Complete the sample quiz
- Submit the sample assignment via the dropbox
- Orientation seminar (You can watch a recorded version if you cannot attend the live one.)

If you do not complete these activities by the deadline, your enrollment will be canceled on Day 8 of the first term, regardless of any academic activity you might have completed in your first term courses. However, if you are canceled for this reason, you are eligible to re-enroll for the next open term in which you are available to start.

Program Requirements and Curriculum

All types of students must refer to <https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/aviation/professional-flight-bs/#degreeplantext> for the degree plan, which includes your online aviation and general education courses, and your flight practicum. Flight practicum are transferred once you have completed the flight training with the Alliance Partner, if applicable. The required aviation and general education courses are offered 100% online through Purdue Global. Hands-on flight instruction will be offered through your Purdue Global-approved flight school.

Many of our approved schools have a Part 141 flight instruction program. These schools must earn and maintain FAA approval for its training curriculum, syllabus, and lesson plans. This type of program is done in a structured flight training environment. Details can be found: https://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airline_certification/pilotschools/.

Note: Students in this program are not eligible for the Restricted Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (R-ATP). We are not pursuing R-ATP approval due to FAA limitations for Purdue Global to align its curriculum.

Approved Flight Partners

Purdue Global has over 90 approved Alliance Partners, with additional partnerships being established each month. Students enrolled with these flight schools will pay for each flight training course directly to your flight school, not to Purdue Global. Flight training is separate from your degree plan; however, once you complete your flight training, you will receive 45 credits of transfer for the following courses. As you complete each flight training with your flight school, you will submit the appropriate paperwork to the Registrar, to earn official transfer credit. Your advisor will direct you to the specific forms to start the process.

Course #	Course Name	Credits
AV102	Aviation Business	5
AV144	Private Pilot Lectures	5
AV145	Private Pilot Flight	3
AV210	Ground Trainer	1.5
AV243	Commercial Pilot Flight 1	3
AV248	Commercial Pilot Flight II	3
AV249	Instrument Flight Lectures	5
AV253	Instrument Flight Training	4.5
AV254	Commercial Flight Lectures	5
AV351	Flight Instructor Flight	2.5
AV352	Flight Instructor Lectures	5
AV353	Multiengine Flight	2.5

A list of our Alliance partners can be found under *Alliance Partner Flight Training* at this link: <https://www.purdueglobal.edu/degree-programs/aviation/online-bachelor-professional-flight/>.

Please refer to the *Tuition & Fees* at <https://www.purdueglobal.edu/tuition-financial-aid/aviation-degree-tuition-fees/>.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to enroll in Purdue Global?

In addition to the general admissions requirements to enroll in Purdue Global, which can be found at <https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/>, to apply for the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight, you must:

1. Provide proof of a minimum of a commercial pilot certificate with airplane single-engine and multiengine ratings, and a flight instructor certificate,
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Completion of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirement for a Private Pilot Flight Certificate and acceptance and simultaneous enrollment at a Purdue Global-approved flight school.
2. Meet all Federal Transportation Security Administration requirements for flight training and provide evidence to your Purdue Global-approved flight school.
3. Secure a first-class medical certificate and provide evidence to your Purdue Global-approved flight school. This may be obtained from an FAA- authorized aviation medical examiner.

What is the first-class medical? Why is it required?

The first-class medical physical includes blood pressure reading, urinalysis, and eyes, ears, and heart exams. At age 40+, an EKG is required. You must provide evidence of a first-class medical to your Purdue Global-approved flight school prior to enrollment. AME locations can be found at <https://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator>. A first-class medical is required for pilots to fly in all airlines; we require you to have this prior to enrollment to make sure you do not have any medical conditions that could disqualify you from flying with the airlines.

What is included in the TSA clearance?

International students will work directly with the Purdue Global-approved flight school for their TSA clearance. Domestic students must provide evidence of U.S. citizenship to your Purdue Global-approved flight school with one of the following:

- Valid, unexpired U.S. passport **or**
- Government-issued birth certificate *and* a government-issued photo ID (driver's license, military ID, etc.).

What if I already hold a commercial pilot certificate with airplane single-engine and multiengine ratings and a flight instructor certificate?

You will be able to receive transfer credit for all flight practicum. Other transfer credit may apply, especially if you are a Captain for at least one year or if you are a first officer. You will provide evidence of your licenses and/or employment to your Admissions Advisor, who will verify this information on the FAA Airmen Registry.

Which courses are the flight courses provided by your Purdue Global-approved flight school?

You will not complete Purdue Global's flight practicum when enrolled with an Alliance Partner. Instead, you will earn transfer credit for these courses and others listed under "Alliance Partners" above, once you complete flight training with your flight school.

What is the estimated time for me to complete all flight requirements?

The flight portion can be completed within the year with an Alliance Partner.

How many hours should I expect per week for online courses?

The online aviation and general education courses will require approximately 15 to 18 hours per week per 10-week course.

What fees are due before I can start the program?

If you are enrolled with an Alliance Partner, you will pay your flight school directly.

Why would I enroll in Purdue Global's Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight?

1. Aviation and general education courses are offered 100% online.
2. Once you have earned your Flight Instructor Certification, you can begin earning money by potentially becoming an instructor at a flight school.
3. All aviation courses were developed by Purdue Global's School of Aviation Transportation and Technology faculty.

What are some career options?

After graduating from the program, you can become a commercial pilot and/or flight Instructor. You will continue to fly to gain enough hours to advance in the aviation field to becoming a first officer and beyond. Note: Purdue Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.

What if I start flying and realize I do not want to become a pilot?

You can change programs into our nonflight Bachelor of Science in Aviation Management program. Many of the nonflight Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight courses will transfer.

What industry certification will I earn upon successfully graduating from this program?

Instrument Rating, Commercial Pilot Certificate, Flight Instructor Certificate (CFI), and Multiengine Rating (ME). Note: Students are responsible for understanding the requirements of certification exams. The University cannot guarantee students will be eligible to sit for or pass exams.

Is the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight approved by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)?

The FAA does not approve university programs unless the university curriculum is a Part 141. Purdue Global's program is not a Part 141 program, but the Purdue Global-approved Part 141 flight training school's program is approved.

Will I receive my ATP at Purdue Global after graduating from the program?

No. If hired by an airline after graduation, ATP training is arranged for and provided by the airline.

Does the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight hold programmatic accreditation?

Although Purdue Global is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the professional flight program does not hold programmatic accreditation with an accrediting body.

at this time. Once the program grows to a point where we will have enough graduates to pull reliable and valid data on course level assessments, program outcomes, career advancement, satisfaction levels, etc. we will begin discussions again.