

# **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 cancelled 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 cancelled 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 practice, 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/](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 56 approved Alliance Partners. Student 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.

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Name</b>	<b>Credits</b>
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/>

Sterling Flight Training is another type of approved flight school, called an Affiliate. Unlike the Alliance partners, you will be required to pay Purdue Global, not Sterling, in full for your flight practicum 9 days prior to the start of your term or your start date for the program will be postponed to the next available term start. Subsequent flight practica must be paid in full 9 days prior to the start of your term in order for you to start any course within the term.

Each flight training course at Sterling is associated with a flight practicum course at Purdue Global. It is highly recommended that you fly twice a week (4-hour per week minimum) with a Flight Instructor to stay on track with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Purdue Global's requirements. Delays in your progression throughout the term may be caused by absences, weather, and aircraft maintenance, so some degree of flexibility is highly encouraged.

Any FAA requirements not met will result in an official “Incomplete” for the term, with requirements to be completed within Purdue Global’s incomplete policy. If flight training requirements are not completed in the allotted aircraft flight time, you will incur additional fees to be paid directly by you to Sterling. Fees will be charged to your account at the start of the term. Sterling will deduct the flight practica fees as you begin specific flight training. You should monitor your balance, although Sterling will assist you as well. Any course practica fees not covered by financial aid must be covered by other means of payment. PG financial services advisors can offer suggestions on private funding and Sterling e may be able to assist you in locating local funding opportunities. However, it is your responsibility for researching, contacting, and setting up a funding plan on your own.

Please refer to the Tuition & Fees at <https://www.purdueglobal.edu/tuition-financial-aid/aviation-degree-tuition-fees/> for fees for each flight practicum course listed below and additional fees including medical exam(s), Training School kit associated with the Affiliate, aircraft manuals and supplies, written exams, checkrides, TSA background check (international students only), relocation to the Affiliate’s location - if applicable, and technology fees.

#### FLIGHT PRACTICUM COURSE

AV253: Instrument Flight Training (4.5 credits)

AV210: Ground Trainer (1.5 credits)

AV243: Commercial Pilot Flight I (3 credits)

AV248: Commercial Pilot Flight II (3 credits)

AV351: Flight Instructor Flight (2.5 credits)

AV353: Multiengine Flight (2.5 credits)

#### Contact Information

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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,
  - a. **or**  
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 A- 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 practice. 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?

Each flight training course at your Purdue Global-approved flight school is associated with an online flight practicum course at Purdue Global.

- **If you are enrolled with an Alliance Partner**, you will not complete Purdue Global's flight

practice. 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.

- **If you are enrolled with Sterling Flight Training**, you will complete the flight assignments at Sterling with a flight instructor, but also engage in Purdue Global’s online flight practicum course, listed below, with a Purdue Global instructor.
  - AV253: Instrument Flight Training
  - AV210: Ground Trainer
  - AV243: Commercial Pilot Flight I
  - AV248: Commercial Pilot Flight II
  - AV351: Flight Instructor Flight
  - AV353: Multiengine Flight

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

Assuming continuous enrollment without a leave of absence, the flight portion can be completed in 18 to 24 months with an Affiliate. If enrolled with an Alliance Partner, you can complete flight training **within the year**.

### **How many hours should I expect per week for online courses and for flight?**

The online aviation and general education courses will require approximately 15 to 18 hours per week per 10-week course. Flight times vary, but you should fly at least 4 hours per week.

### **What if I am not able to complete my flight practice within a 10-week term?**

Delays due to weather, time commitment, and other reasons may disrupt your flight time. If you cannot complete the FAA requirements within a 10-week term, Purdue Global will issue an official “Incomplete.” We scheduled the flight practice in a specific sequence so as to maximize your ability to complete the practice in the respective term.

### **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. If you are enrolled with Sterling Flight Training, the first term flight practicum fee is due to Purdue Global by the 9th day prior to the start of the first term. If you are not able to pay the full amount, your enrollment will be postponed. Subsequent flight practicum fees are due by the 9th day prior to the start of your term before you are eligible to start the term.

### **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.