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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 one of Purdue University Global’s approved flight schools. Two types of approved partner flight schools exist – Affiliates and Alliance – described under Program Requirements and Curriculum.

Mandatory Purdue University 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/#degreeplantechnull for the degree plan, which includes your online aviation and general education courses and your flight practica, if applicable. The required aviation and general education courses are offered 100% online through Purdue University Global. Hands-on flight instruction will be offered through your Purdue University 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/.
Affiliate Partner

If you are enrolled with an Affiliate, you will be required to pay Purdue University Global the full amount for your first 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 your Affiliate is associated with a flight practicum course at Purdue University Global. You must engage in at least one discussion board activity each week in the online flight practicum and are strongly encouraged to attend three live seminars throughout the flight practicum. At the end of your flight practicum, you must upload your Flight Instructor-approved progress checks. It is also 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 University 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 University 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 the Affiliate. Fees will be charged to your account at the start of the term. Your Affiliate will deduct the flight practica fees as you begin specific flight training. You should monitor your balance, although your Affiliate will assist you as well. Any course practica fees not covered by financial aid or VA benefits, when the program becomes eligible, must be covered by other means of payment. PG financial services advisors can offer suggestions on private funding and your Affiliate 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/](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.

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Alliance Partner

Students enrolled with Alliance Partners, will pay for flight training courses directly to your flight school, not to Purdue University 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.
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**Note:** Since students are not completing flight training with PG and one of its Affiliates, students with Alliance Partners are not eligible for the Restricted Airline Transport Pilot Certificate (once the program is R-ATP approved). For an explanation of R-ATP, see the Frequently Asked Questions on the following pages.

**Contact Information**

Purdue University Global: [pgaviation@purdueglobal.edu](mailto:pgaviation@purdueglobal.edu)
Frequently Asked Questions

What are the requirements to enroll in Purdue University Global?
In addition to the general admissions requirements to enroll in Purdue University 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, 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 University 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 University 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 University Global-approved flight school for their TSA clearance. Domestic students must provide evidence of U.S. citizenship to your Purdue University 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 practica. 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 University Global-approved flight school?
Each flight training course at your Purdue University Global-approved flight school is associated with an online flight practicum course at Purdue Global.

- If you are enrolled with an Affiliate, you will complete the flight assignments at your Affiliate with a flight instructor, but also engage in Purdue Global’s online flight practicum course, listed below, with a Purdue University Global instructor. You must engage in at least one discussion board activity each week in the online flight practicum and are strongly encouraged to attend three live seminars throughout the
practicum. You must also upload your Flight Instructor-approved progress checks for each of the flight practicum listed below:

- AV253: Instrument Flight Training
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- **If you are enrolled with an Alliance Partner**, you will not complete Purdue University Global’s flight practica. 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?**

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 sooner.

**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 practica 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 University Global will issue an official “Incomplete.” We scheduled the flight practica in a specific sequence so as to maximize your ability to complete the practica in the respective term.

**What fees are due before I can start the program?**

If you are enrolled with an **Affiliate**, the first term flight practicum fee is due to Purdue University 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. If you are enrolled with an Alliance **Partner**, you will pay your flight school directly.

**Why would I enroll in Purdue University Global’s Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight?**

1. Aviation and general education courses are offered 100% online.
2. Flight practicum course can begin early in the program (For enrollees with **Affiliates** only). Once AV 351: Flight Instructor Flight practicum is satisfactorily completed, you can begin earning money by potentially becoming an instructor at a flight school.
3. All aviation courses were developed by Purdue University’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 University Global cannot guarantee employment or career advancement.

**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 University Global’s program is not a Part 141 program, but the Purdue University Global-approved Part 141 flight training school’s program is approved.

What are ATP and R-ATP?
Airline Transport Pilot (ATP) is the certificate required for an individual to fly for U.S. Part 121 airlines. For you to earn an ATP certificate, 1,500 hours of flight time are required. The R-ATP, or Restricted Airline Transport Pilot, certificate allows pilots to obtain their ATP certificate in 1,000 hours rather than 1,500. A university’s curriculum must first go through an approval process. At this time, graduates of the Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight are not eligible for the R-ATP certificate. In 2021, Purdue University Global will apply for the R-ATP to reduce those hours to 1,000.

Will I receive my ATP at Purdue University 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 University 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.