Commercial Aviation (B.S. Aero)

Be a part of the dynamic aviation industry at one of the largest and most-respected collegiate programs in the world.

Bring your career into greater focus with a commercial aviation degree that allows the option for flight training in fixed wing aircraft or helicopters. Gain the fundamental knowledge and essential experience to launch your career in a variety of professional opportunities.

**Program Snapshot**

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**Why Study Commercial Aviation at UND?**

Earn a B.S. in Aeronautics with a Major in Commercial Aviation from the UND Aviation Department, known around the world for academic excellence. The curriculum is designed to fully prepare you for a variety of flight-related careers. You'll gain a solid background in aviation with flight instructor ratings, along with a liberal arts core. It's exactly what you need to launch your exciting aviation career, whether you choose a fixed-wing or helicopter specialty.

**Accreditation**

The Commercial Aviation program is fully accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). 
[AABI Policy 3.4.2 Compliance](#)
Leader In Action: Alison Hunt '17

Growing up, both of her parents served in the Wisconsin National Guard. With the help of her UND degree, she is taking a similar path.

Read Alison’s Story

Priority Application Deadlines

FALL: Feb. 1* (freshmen) | April 15* (transfer students)

*academic scholarship priority deadline

UND is no longer accepting students for Spring or Summer 2019 in the following four programs: Aviation Management, Commercial Aviation, Flight Education, and Unmanned Aircraft Systems. If you are applying for those programs, please select Fall 2019 or a later term or choose a different program of study. The priority deadline for Fall 2019 applicants is February 1.

Program Highlights

- Earn a commercial pilot certificate with instrument and multi-engine ratings, and a certified flight instructor certificate with instrument rating.
- Train with a state-of-the-art virtual controller simulator and radar simulators.
- For a fixed-wing specialty, you'll gain essential knowledge in single-engine, multi-engine, VFR and IFR flight to the commercial pilot standard.
- For a helicopter specialty, you'll gain essential knowledge in the various types of aircraft flight to the commercial standard.

Outcomes
Median salary for a commercial pilot*

Pilot compensation has an upward trajectory as experience grows, with a medium salary of up to $129,000 for those with ten years or more experience**, according to Payscale.com.

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Payscale.com

Graduates of the UND aviation programs have plenty of career opportunities, especially as a career commercial pilot and related professions. UND graduates with a B.S. in Commercial Aviation can expect exciting opportunities in several piloting professions, including:

- Commercial airline pilot
- Director of operations
- Helicopter pilot (with helicopter specialty)
- Corporate jet pilot
- Chief pilot

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