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 type:** Major  
**Format:** On Campus  
**Est. time to complete:** 4-5 years  
**Credit hours:** 120

**Why earn a bachelor's degree in commercial aviation?**

**Application Deadlines**

**Fall:** Feb. 1* | April 15^  
**Spring:** Dec. 15  
**Summer:** May 1

*Freshman Priority Deadline  
^Transfer Priority Deadline

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.

The world recognizes the quality of the pilots our programs produce. The Aviation Department has secured a number of defined career pathway partnerships with industry-leading airlines. These programs are designed to help UND students get interviews and begin careers with major carriers around the world.

**Aviation Career Pathways**

- Delta Air Lines  
- United Aviate  
- Sun Country Airlines  
- JetBlue Airways  
- SkyWest Airlines

**Commercial Aviation at UND**

- 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. The Commercial Aviation program is fully accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). Student Achievement Data

**Careers in Commercial Aviation**

**121K** Median salary for a commercial pilot  
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

**6%** Percentage of industry growth to 2028  
- U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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

**UND Commercial Aviation Alumni**

Commercial Aviation alumni have gone on to a variety of successful careers with:

- Skywest, Inc.
- Delta Airlines
- Endeavor Air, Inc.
- Compass Airlines

**Explore More Options**

Looking to add a double major, pursue graduate work or connect with the aviation department?

- Department of Aviation
- Explore Similar Majors
- Pursue a Graduate Degree