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

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

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.

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.

Career Pathways

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

Accreditation by AABI

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

Work Worth Doing

Follow Queen Ngale as she navigates the commercial aviation program at UND

Application Deadlines

Fall: Aug. 17  
Spring: Dec. 15
Summer: May 1
Top Aviation School

- 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.

Careers in Aviation

105K  Median salary for a commercial pilot*
129K  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

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