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

**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.

Current career pathway partners:
- Delta
- United
- Sun Country Airlines
- JetBlue
- SkyWest
- More

Accreditation

The Commercial Aviation program is fully accredited by the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). AABI Policy 3.4.2 Compliance

Priority Application Deadlines

**FALL:** Feb. 1* (freshmen) | April 15* (transfer students)  
*academic scholarship priority deadline

Due to the popularity of the Aviation Management, Commercial Aviation, Flight Education and Unmanned Aircraft Systems programs, UND is unable to accept students in these programs until the Fall 2019 term. If you are applying for one of these programs, please select Fall 2019 (or a later start term). Applying by the February 1st priority deadline is strongly encouraged.

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

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