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 in commercial aviation?

**Application Deadlines**

- **Fall:** Aug. 17  
- **Spring:** Dec. 15  
- **Summer:** May 1

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

**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