

## JU SCHOOL OF AVIATION FAQs

### Aviation program at a glance

- ✓ ***AABI Accredited***
- ✓ ***R-ATP certified***
- ✓ ***All classes taught by faculty members***
- ✓ ***Small class sizes***
- ✓ ***Business based Aviation Management Degree, with and without Flight Operations***

### Why JU School of Aviation

The School of Aviation educates and trains professional pilots and aviation executives with one-of-a-kind industry partnerships, a world-class curriculum centered on a strong business foundation, and direct paths to the career of your choice. Additionally, as a member University of the FAA Air Traffic Control Collegiate Training Initiative (ATC-CTI) program our ATC students qualify for the program's hiring preference. JU Aviation will give you the skills and experience to achieve your dream of becoming an aviation professional. And of course, our aviation degree programs have earned the "seal of approval" from the Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI).

- ✓ A Small, Personalized Program
- ✓ Attention to your Leadership Development
- ✓ World Class Accreditation Standards
- ✓ Award-Winning Aviation Program
- ✓ Transferable Business Skills
- ✓ Enhanced Experience through our Unique Partnerships
- ✓ Get Hired Sooner
- ✓ Direct Career Path
- ✓ Flexibility

- **What type of FAA medical certificate is required?**
  - The FAA requires a third class medical certificate. JU's School of Aviation highly recommends that students obtain a First class medical. This ensures that the student will be able to pass the physical examination necessary to become an airline pilot.
- **What degrees can I obtain from JU's School of Aviation and what flying if any is required?**
  - AVO degree (flying): Aviation Management and Flight Operations major
    - Commercial : This track prepares graduates for professional pilot positions within the airline industry in addition to becoming a flight instructor
    - Navy: students complete private pilot certificate, instrument rating, commercial pilot certificate with a multi engine
    - Marine: students complete private pilot certificate, instrument rating, commercial pilot certificate with a multi engine
    - International: students complete private pilot certificate, instrument rating, commercial pilot certificate with a multi engine
  - AVM degree (non-flying): Aviation Management: This degree prepares the graduate for a variety of administrative management positions in the aviation industry.

- Airline
  - Airport
  - Air Traffic Control (ATC-CTI)
- **When can I begin classes?**
  - Classes start in the Fall, Spring, and Summer every year. We offer a “Jump start” program for AVO students interested in starting their Flight Training in the summer. They will begin in June instead of starting in the Fall.
- **I have an AA degree and no flight training; will I be done with the AVO degree in 2 years?**
  - While, you would receive credit for your AA, the specific AVO program is structured to be completed in four years. It will still take 2.5-3 years to complete unless you arrive with your private pilot certificate. Each case is individually evaluated and an estimate can be provided.
- **How long does the AVO degree take to complete?**
  - The program completion times vary student to student. The AVO program is structured to be completed in four years for students that have no previous college experience or flight training. It can be completed as early as three years for students who stay over summers or come in with their private pilot certificates.
- **What type of aircraft will I fly during training?**
  - Private Pilot Certificate: Cessna 172 SP
  - Instrument Rating: Cirrus SR 20
  - Commercial Pilot Certificate Multi- engine initial: Piper Seminole
  - Commercial Pilot Certificate Single-add-on: Cirrus SR 20 or Cessna 172SP
  - Certificated Flight Instructor Certificate: Cessna 172SP and Piper Arrow
  - Certificated Flight Instructor Instrument Certificate: Cirrus SR 20
- **How many aircraft are available at L3 Airline Academy?**
  - The fleet size varies depending on the number of students.
- **How often will I fly?**
  - Students are scheduled for flight activities three times a week. However, there may be opportunities to fly more if resources and flight instructor schedules permit.
- **How far is the airport from Jacksonville University?**
  - The airport is about 20 minutes away from campus.
- **What if I don't own a vehicle? Does JU provide a shuttle to the airport?**
  - JU does not provide transportation to the airport. Flight students often contact each other for possible ride sharing or use share ride services.
- **What is the Restricted Airline Transport Pilot License (R-ATP)?**
  - Graduates of approved four-year university programs qualify for a reduction in this total time requirement, called the Restricted Airline Transport Pilot license (R-ATP). Jacksonville University qualifies for this reduction – allowing qualified Flight Officer Graduates to obtain a R-ATP at 1,000 hours.
- **After graduation, will I be eligible for a job at an airline?**
  - By the time you graduate, you will have about 250-350 hours of flight time. The airlines require you to have 1000 hours of flight time. Many students will work as flight instructors to build their time.
- **What do AVOs do after graduation?**

- They most likely will be building their flight time as a flight instructor for our contract flight school L3 Airline Academy.
- **I already have my Private Pilot certificate; will I receive credit for it?**
  - Once you complete your instrument rating, you will receive credit for your private pilot certificate.
- **What if I begin flight training with only half of my Private Pilot Certificate complete?**
  - You will be required to start over and take the private pilot ground course at JU as well as doing your flight training at JU. However, in our “train to proficiency” environment, you will likely move through the Private Pilot Flight course more quickly due to your experience.
- **If I have a Commercial Pilot Certificate can I transfer to JU?**
  - You are able to transfer to JU with your commercial pilot certificate. You are required to complete the CFI and CFII certificates in order to graduate with an AVO degree.
- **Are flight fees included in tuition?**
  - Flight fees are non-tuition costs.
- **How much is flight training?**
  - You can find information about our flight fees on the JU website or by contacting the School of Aviation
- **How can I afford flight training?**
  - Self-pay
  - Scholarships
  - Loans
- **Are there flight-training scholarships available?**
  - There are many aviation scholarships available to students through different aviation organizations. The internet is a great place to start looking for available scholarships.
- **Does financial aid cover all flight-training costs?**
  - No
- **Does JU have any simulators?**
  - We have one CRJ 700 simulator on campus in the School of Aviation. It is used for advanced system courses as well as the jet transition course.
- **What kind of internships are available?**
  - There are many internships opportunities. Internship opportunities will be posted in the School of Aviation and distributed to the students.
  - Examples of past internships include United Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Jacksonville Airport Authority, Southwest Airlines, American Airlines, and GoJet Airlines.
- **Are there any aviation-related organizations on campus?**
  - Yes, we have several aviation organizations on campus. Students are highly encouraged to participate.
    - Women in Aviation (Open to both women and men!)
    - Alpha Eta Rho, Co Ed Professional Aviation Fraternity.
    - AAAE, American Association of Airport Executives
    - National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Flight Team
    - Currently in the exploratory stages of establishing other Chapters of national organizations. (OBAP, NGPA etc.)