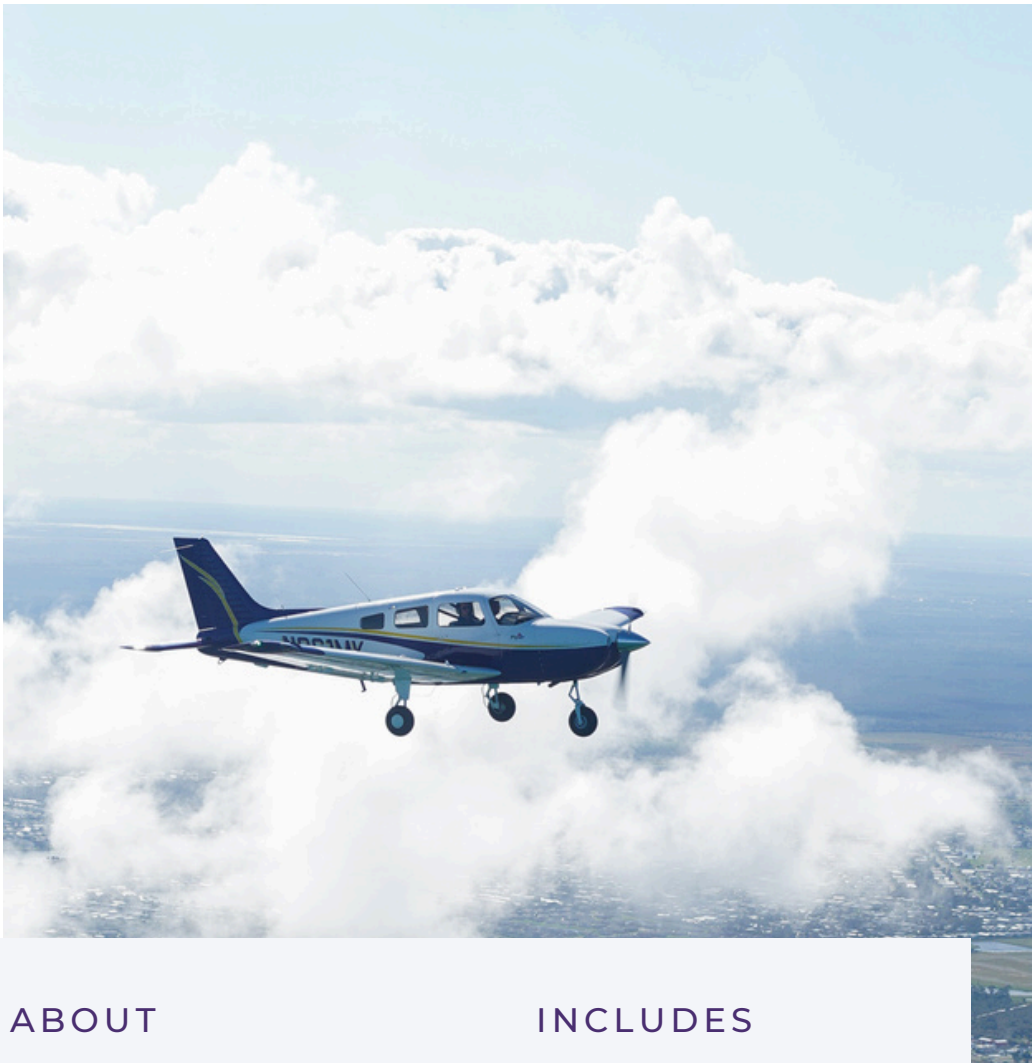


MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO

# AVIATION: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT GUIDE



## ABOUT

As a leader in global education, Minnesota State University, Mankato shares the warm, inviting culture of its campus with students from more than 100 countries.

## INCLUDES

- **AVIATION PROGRAM**
- **HOW TO ENROLL**
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Everything you need to know about joining the Aviation Program as an **international student**



## AVIATION BS PROFESSIONAL FLIGHT

The MSU Professional Flight B.S. program prepares you for careers in flight operations in both the general aviation and the air carrier segments of the aviation industry.

Flight training at MSU is conducted under exacting FAA Part 141 standards using a proprietary syllabus designed to emphasize automation, multiengine, and “real world” operations.

[DETAILS](#)

## AVIATION BS AVIATION MANAGEMENT

The MSU Aviation Management B.S. program prepares you for management positions in the aerospace industry.

Aviation Management students may also choose to complete a Business Administration Minor.

[DETAILS](#)



### BASIC STANDARDS

All students must take at least 12 credits per semester to be a full-time student.

YOUR JOURNEY IS JUST BEGINNING

## Overview of Certificates

### PRIVATE PILOT

duration

**4-10** months

- ✓ Stage 1 - Learn to fly solo
- ✓ Stage 2 - Fly passengers once Private Pilot Certificate is received

### INSTRUMENT PILOT

duration

**3-8** months

- ✓ Stage 1 - Learn instrument procedures to fly through clouds
- ✓ Stage 2 - Learn to fly instrument cross-countries, as well as precision instrument approaches during poor weather

### COMMERCIAL PILOT

duration

**4-10** months

- ✓ Stage 1 - Learn how to navigate long distances through solo and dual cross-countries
- ✓ Stage 2 - Fly aircraft with commercial pilot maneuvers
- ✓ Stage 3 - Learn how to fly a multi-engine aircraft in our Seminole
- ✓ Single engine add-on. Complete after Seminole checkride, adding Single Engine Airplane to Commercial Certificate

### MEI, CFI, CFII

duration

**5-10** months

- ✓ MEI (Multi-Engine Instructor) First Flight Instructor rating, completed in the Seminole
- ✓ CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) Add-on checkride for single-engine airplane instruction
- ✓ CFII (Certified Flight Instructor Instrument) Add-on checkride for Instrument flight instruction

INFORMATION

- Complete your FAA Medical Exam
- Bring identification
- Have a financial plan
- Identify the right ground school and flight lab
- Purchase your flight training equipment
- Purchase a device to access electronic flight charts
- Secure reliable transportation
- Submit your semester schedule (class, work and extra-curricular) to North Star Aviation
- All required TSA paperwork must be submitted and approved

**DETAILED  
CHECKLIST**

## FAA MEDICAL EXAM

Request a First Class FAA medical exam. Your medical exam is your student license prior to receiving your private pilot training. Plan to complete your flight physical during your first semester, as soon as possible.

## FIND AN AVIATION MEDICAL EXAMINER

**FIND AN AME**

## Flight Training Security Program

A student is required to submit a TSA application if they do not have the following:

U.S. Birth Certificate

Consular Report of Birth Abroad

U.S. Certificate of Citizenship

Certification of Report of Birth Abroad

U.S. Certificate of Naturalization

Expired U.S. Passport within 12 months of expiration

U.S. Citizen Identification Card

*A student with a green card is still required to submit a TSA application.*

Applications should be submitted within 30 days of the start of the flight lab.

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## Admission Requirements for MSU



**ACT  
not required**

**3.0 GPA**

**cumulative GPA  
for first year  
students**

**2.0 GPA**

**if you've had at least 1  
year at a college or  
university and are  
transferring**



**English Proficiency  
Exam for prospective  
Aviation students**

## ENGLISH PROFICIENCY EXAM FOR THE AVIATION PROGRAM

- TOEFL iBT composite score of 80 or better with at least a score of 22 in both the listening and speaking sections; OR
- TOEFL PBT/ITP composite score of 550 or better with at least a score of 60 in the listening section; OR
- IELTS composite score of 6.5 or better with at least a score of 6.5 in both the listening and speaking sections
- Successful completion of the Advanced level of the Intensive English Program (IEP) at Minnesota State University, Mankato, with a B+ average or better and at least a B in each course.

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Students from English-speaking countries are exempt from taking this test, determined at point of admission.

Students can choose to pass the Advanced-level of the IEP (i.e., B+ average or better and at least a B in each course) instead of taking/retaking the TOEFL or IELTS to move on to flight training.

## First steps

ADMISSION

## Admission checklist

E-APPLICATION

## Application deadlines

DEADLINES





## Transferring with credits

**For transfer credits, watch for emails regarding this.**

We require all students hoping to transfer courses from a university outside of the U.S. to have their coursework evaluated by a professional credit evaluation agency. There are several agencies in the U.S., but we recommend using Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE). The prices for a credential evaluation are similar.

ECE provides an online application for credit evaluation. All majors should request the "course-by-course" evaluation.

Since the purpose of the ECE evaluation is the potential transfer of credit, it does not need to be submitted as part of the application review process. It can be submitted later. However, any post-secondary work you successfully completed at a non-U.S. college or university will be considered by Minnesota State Mankato only upon receipt of the official ECE evaluation.

[ECE WEBSITE](#)



## Coming in with a degree

You will need to take additional steps along with the same ECE evaluation (your full degree will be evaluated.)

If you have completed a degree, you will still need to complete the ECE.



## Flight Lab Fees

Around \$100,000 total

**COST OF ATTENDANCE**

**+ 1 Flight Lab per semester**

## Opportunities

Requires student to show finances showing their plan to pay for expenses for their first year, not including flight lab fees (around \$26,000).

**ON-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT**

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

## International Student Health Insurance

Where  
Register for health care (United Health Care) before registering for classes. MSU also has an on-campus clinic.

**REGISTER**

## I-20

Requires student to show finances showing their plan to pay for expenses for their first year, not including flight lab fees.

**CURRENT RATES**

**STEM OPT**  
Students can stay for up to three years after graduating and work while staying on their Student Visa. This can lead to a better probability for employee sponsorships for a work Visa.

## Learning Community



First year students majoring in aviation can join the Aviation Learning Community. This community provides students with the opportunity to socialize, live and study with others who share their interests and experiences. Students take classes together and are preregistered for classes for both fall and spring.

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## Registered Student Organizations



### Aviation Club

All Aviation students welcome! This is a terrific way to meet others in the aviation program and network with alumni and industry members.



### Maverick Flight Team

For pilots and non-pilots, registered with The National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA). Students compete with other university flight teams in ground and flight events.



### Women in Aviation Northern Lights Chapter

All aviation students welcome! Join through Women in Aviation International. Student membership options available. Please be affiliated with the Northern Lights Chapter. Scholarships available.



## International Questions

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Contact the  
International Admissions Office  
Minnesota State University, Mankato  
122 Taylor Center  
Mankato, MN 56001

[international@mnsu.edu](mailto:international@mnsu.edu)  
1-507-389-5200

## Aviation Questions

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