



Dear Prospective Student:

We are excited to hear of your interest in Minnesota State's Aviation Program. Our mission is to educate students today who will become professionals responsible for the safe and efficient design, management, and operation of the aviation systems of tomorrow. This program combines all elements of a substantive university education alongside aviation, flight, management, and/or UAS components to graduate well prepared aviation professionals.

Undergraduate students enrolled in our program can choose between a concentration in Professional Flight, Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), or Aviation Management. The Professional Flight emphasis is for students who want to be commercial pilots and fly for the airlines or in the corporate world. Students will be able to acquire their Private, Instrument, and Commercial certificates, in addition to their Single-engine (CFI), Multi-engine (MEI) and Instrument (CFII) Instructor certificates. The Aviation Management emphasis does not require flight training and is for students who want to become leaders in airlines, airports, and aviation service businesses. **Please note that Aviation has become an extraordinarily popular major choice for MNSU and many other Universities. Historically, it has been a point of pride to get our students flying immediately or as soon as they are able, but due to the massive amount of interest, we can no longer guarantee that (or a spot in a student's first ground school) for all incoming students. Delays due to course/training availability can and should be expected to happen to many students throughout their time here.**

Applicants to MNSU are typically granted admission if they rank in the top 50% of their high school class, have a GPA of at least a 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) and a 21 or higher composite score on the ACT exam, should they choose to take it. At the time of application, students can declare Aviation as their major. Formal acceptance into the program (which unlocks upper-division classes) can occur after a student completes their first MNSU ground school (AVIA 150/240) with a score of C+ or better and at least 32 hours of collegiate credit along with a 2.75 collegiate GPA.

Visiting campus is a key step in your college search. We recommend first scheduling a morning walking tour of campus, as well as an Admissions Information Meeting through the Office of Admissions. Once scheduled, prospective families can then visit our website or call the department to schedule a visit with a representative of the Department of Aviation. If families can budget the time, a tour of North Star Aviation can be arranged in conjunction as well. We look forward to having you visit campus!

Sincerely,

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