



TAKE FLIGHT!

PROFESSIONAL PILOT COSTS 2023-24

Southeast Missouri State University partners with US Aviation Group to offer the B.S. Professional Pilot program. Flight instruction will take place at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport and students usually begin flight training in their first semester.

Although Southeast Missouri State University has a proven reputation for keeping tuition costs low while delivering the highest level of quality education, flight training is expensive. It is important that students planning to major in the Professional Pilot program understand that financial planning is vital to successfully completing this degree.

Professional Pilot costs listed are both average and minimum cost, though the actual amount will vary due to individual circumstance, and could be higher than the costs shown. This amount is in addition to room, board, tuition, and other costs associated with earning a bachelor's degree.

Although the investment is great, keep in mind that the projected employment growth for airline and commercial pilots is trending higher than all other occupations. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the 2021 median annual pay for airline and commercial pilots was \$130k+. In addition, Southeast has a generous scholarship program. Visit semo.edu/scholarships for more information.

To help keep the overall cost of training to a minimum, US Aviation recommends the following best student practices:

- / Be on time (early) and fully prepared for the lesson
- / Study every single day and always do your homework
- / Chair fly to practice all callouts, flows, checklists and procedures
- / Utilize Solo Sim
- / Train at least three times per week and fly extra when you can
- / If you miss a day, make it up as soon as possible
- / Make as much progress as you can when the weather is good
- / Practice teaching out loud for the CFI and CFII course
- / Keep yourself healthy and rested
- / Make your training your priority

2023-2024 Estimated Direct Costs

	Domestic and Online
Tuition*	\$ 8,151
General Fees*	\$ 1,344
Textbook Rental (\$35 per course + tax)**	\$ 365
Average Room Rate	\$ 7,200
Meal Plan (15-Classic with \$140 in flex)	\$ 3,260
Estimated 2023-24 Total Cost	\$ 20,320

*Assumes 30 credit hours per year **Additional instructional material may be required

PROFESSIONAL PILOT Average Flight Training Costs

PRIVATE PILOT COURSE (AV 111)		
	Hours	Cost
Single Engine C172	55	\$9,185
Flight Instruction	50	\$3,750
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	30	\$2,250
Total		\$15,185

INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE (AV 211)		
	Hours	Cost
Single Engine C172	40	\$6,680
Solo PC Simulator	10	\$0
Redbird Simulator	14	\$630
Flight Instruction	54	\$4,050
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	30	\$2,250
Total		\$13,610

COMMERCIAL PILOT COURSES SINGLE ENGINE INITIAL (AV 311)		
	Hours	Cost
Single Engine - C172	53	\$8,551
Flight Instruction	12	\$900
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	8	\$600
Sim	0	
Total		\$10,351

SINGLE ENGINE INITIAL CONT. (AV 312)		
	Hours	Cost
Single Engine - C172	57	\$9,519
Flight Instruction	45	\$3,375
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	30	\$2,250
Sim	10	\$750
Total		\$15,894

COMMERCIAL PILOT COURSES CONT. MULTI ADD-ON (AV 313)		
	Hours	Cost
Multi Engine - PA34	17	\$5,695
Flight Instruction	17	\$1,275
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	20	\$1,500
Total		\$8,470

CFI COURSE (C172) (AV 411)		
	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	27	\$4,509
Instruction	27	\$2,025
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	35	\$2,625
Total		\$9,159

CFII COURSE (C172) (AV412)		
	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	17	\$2,839
Instruction	17	\$1,275
Simulator	0	\$90
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	12	\$900
Total		\$5,104

TURBINE TRAINING SIM		
	Hours	Cost
Advanced Sim	15	\$3,750
Instruction	15	
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	5	
Total		\$3,750

TOTAL AVERAGE REQUIRED TRAINING COST \$77,773

Some flight instruction course materials are available at no additional charge through the FAA.

MEI COURSE (PA34) (AV 441) OPTIONAL		
	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	27	\$9,045
Instruction	27	\$2,025
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	17	\$1,275
Total		\$12,345

OTHER ESTIMATED EXPENSES	
	Cost
Written Exam Fees (PVT-CFII)	\$990
Headset	\$200
iPad (Recommended)	\$600
Total	\$1,790

The flight training cost reflect the average time required for training. Actual cost for total training will be very individualized based on the time each student spends with their instructor and time practicing to be proficient in the aircraft and/or simulator. Fuel surcharges may apply. **Your training can cost less or more than the average listed here.**

A complete list of fees can be found at semo.edu/sfs/fee-schedule. Fees are subject to change by the Board of Regents. These fees represent 2023-2024 fees as of June 2023. The tuition and fees displayed above reflect costs for Cape Girardeau campus courses. Different fees apply to off-campus and online courses.

PROFESSIONAL PILOT Required Flight Training Costs

PRIVATE PILOT COURSE (AV 111)

	Hours	Cost
Single Engine C172	35	\$5,845
Flight Instruction	35	\$2,625
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	20	\$1,500
Total		\$9,970

INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE (AV 211)

	Hours	Cost
Single Engine C172	31	\$5,177
Solo PC Simulator	10	\$0
Redbird Simulator	14	\$630
Flight Instruction	45	\$3,375
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	15	\$1,125
Total		\$10,307

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	Hours	Cost
Single Engine - C172	53	\$8,551
Flight Instruction	12	\$900
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	8	\$600
Sim	0	
Total		\$10,351

SINGLE ENGINE INITIAL (AV 312)

	Hours	Cost
Single Engine - C172	43	\$7,181
Flight Instruction	43	\$3,225
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	25	\$1,875
Sim	24	\$1,800
Total		\$14,081

MEI COURSE (PA34) (AV 441) OPTIONAL

	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	25	\$8,375
Instruction	25	\$1,875
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	15	\$1,125
Total		\$11,375

COMMERCIAL PILOT COURSES CONT.

MULTI ADD-ON (AV 313)	Hours	Cost
Multi Engine - PA34	15	\$5,025
Flight Instruction	15	\$1,125
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	17	\$1,275
Total		\$7,425

CFI COURSE (AV 411)

	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	25	\$4,175
Instruction	25	\$1,875
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	30	\$2,250
Total		\$8,630

CFII COURSE (AV412)

	Hours	Cost
Flight Time	15	\$2,505
Instruction	16.75	\$1,256
Simulator	.75	\$90
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	11	\$825
Total		\$4,841

TURBINE TRAINING SIM

	Hours	Cost
Advanced Sim	15	\$3,750
Instruction	15	
Pre/Post Flight Instruction	5	
Total		\$3,750

TOTAL AVERAGE REQUIRED TRAINING COST **\$65,605**

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