



ASU STUDENT FINANCIAL GUIDE

Introduction

This guide provides ASU Professional Flight Program students and stakeholders with important information about the cost of the flight training portion of the program. Use this information to make financial plans before you start the program and as a student.

In this guide, you will learn about:

- recommended budget for each semester
- program structure and minimum costs
- tips to minimize cost

Detailed policies and procedures pertaining to ASU Professional Flight Program students and their flight training with ATP may be found in the ATP ASU Student Handbook.

Flight Training Budget

Recommended Budget by Semester

Semester	Certificate/Rating	Recommended Budget
1	Private	\$21,101
2	Instrument (1/2)	\$16,268
3	Instrument (2/2)	\$16,268
4	Commercial (ME/SE)	\$23,569
5	CFI (MEI/CFISE/CFII)	\$13,966

Flight training requires an average of 5 semesters to train from zero flight time through certified flight instructor. These semesters represent your first through fifth semesters of flight training but not necessarily your first through fifth semesters of the academic program.

The recommended budget represents minimum flight training program costs plus 20%. This provides a modest buffer for extra training (if required) and additional ground/briefing time. Add this recommended flight training budget to your academic course budget.

The flight training budget does not include ASU class registration fees, FAA knowledge test fees, designated pilot examiners fees, pilot supplies, or living expenses.

Minimum Flight Training Costs

	Equipment	Hours	Rate	Cost
Private				
	CE-172 (Dual)	68	\$224	\$15,232
	CE-172 (Solo/Checkride)	12	\$153	\$1,836
	FTD	6	\$86	\$516
			Total Module Estimate	\$17,584
Instrument				
	CE-172 (Dual)	100	\$224	\$22,400
	CE-172 (Checkride)	2	\$153	\$306
	FTD	24	\$86	\$2,064
	141 Ground	33	\$71	\$2,343
			Total Module Estimate	\$27,113
Commercial (Multi-Engine/Single-Engine)				
	PA-44 (Dual)	30	\$418	\$12,540
	PA-44 (Checkride)	2	\$347	\$694
	CE-172 (Dual)	10	\$224	\$2,240
	CE-172 (Checkride)	2	\$153	\$306
	FTD	16	\$86	\$1,376
	141 Ground	35	\$71	\$2,485
			Total Module Estimate	\$19,641
CFI (MEI/CFISE/CFII)				
	PA-44 (Dual)	14	\$418	\$5,852
	PA-44 (Checkride)	2	\$347	\$694
	CE-172 (Dual)	20	\$224	\$4,480
	CE-172 (Checkride)	4	\$153	\$612
			Total Module Estimate	\$11,638
			Total Program Estimate	\$75,976

The flight training portion of the ASU Professional Flight Program is distributed across four stages of certification: Private, Instrument, Commercial and CFI. Each stage should require just one semester to complete, except the Instrument stage, which requires two semesters.

The estimated hours are minimum times. While it is possible to complete training in minimum times, most students exceed minimum training times by a small margin and require additional ground/briefing time above 141 minimum requirements.

Schedule of Rates

Equipment	Hourly Rate
Cessna 172 (Single-Engine Dual)	\$224
Cessna 172 (Single-Engine Solo/Checkride)	\$153
Piper PA-44 (Multi-Engine Dual)	\$418
Piper PA-44 (Multi-Engine Checkride)	\$347
FTD (CRX/FRASCA)	\$86
Ground/Briefing	\$71
Classroom-style Ground	\$35

Rates are updated each semester based on the cost of fuel. The rate quoted at the beginning of the semester will remain fixed throughout the semester except in the most extreme circumstances. (For details, see the ATP ASU Student Handbook.)

Tips to Minimize Cost

Meet Flight Block Requirement

ASU requires professional flight students to schedule a minimum of 3 flight blocks per week. Flight blocks are your class schedule for flight training. Just like traditional classes, flight blocks are registered once at the beginning of each semester. Students who regularly attend training events benefit from increased proficiency and less re-training of previous lessons, which keeps costs on-budget.

Arrive Prepared

Each flight, ground, or training device lesson has a lesson plan available on your student extranet. Read your lesson plan, read the assignments, and arrive prepared. Students who arrive prepared spend their time flying instead of re-training requisite ground school knowledge while losing flight proficiency. Students who arrive prepared stay on-budget.

Train Over Consecutive Semesters

ASU recommends that students begin flight training in their freshman year and continue training for five consecutive semesters, including summers. This improves flight proficiency and minimizes cost. It also maximizes flight experience as a paid flight instructor while completing degree requirements in junior and senior years.