



ASU Flight 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 you progress through training.

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.

Recommended Budget By Semester

Semester	Certificate/Rating	Recommended Budget
1	Private (1 of 2)	\$12,719
2	Private (2 of 2)	\$12,719
3	Instrument (1 of 3)	\$12,069
4	Instrument (2 of 3)	\$12,069
5	Instrument (3 of 3)	\$12,069
6	Commercial (SE/ME)	\$25,490
7	CFI (CFISE/CFII/MEI)	\$17,291

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

The recommended budget represents minimum flight training program costs plus 20%. This provides a 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, additional ground training, FAA knowledge test fees, designated pilot examiners fees, pilot supplies, or living expenses.

Planned Flight Training Costs

Stage	Equipment	Hours	Rate	Cost
Private	CE-172 (Dual)	66	\$277	\$18,282
	CE-172 (Solo/Checkride)	12	\$200	\$2,400
	Simulator	6	\$86	\$516
Total Stage Estimate				\$21,198
Instrument	CE-172 (Dual)	92	\$277	\$25,484
	CE-172 (Solo/Checkride)	2	\$200	\$400
	Simulator	23	\$86	\$1,978
	141 Ground	30	\$77	\$2,310
	Total Stage Estimate			
Commercial (SE/ME)	CE-172 (Dual)	37	\$277	\$10,249
	CE-172 (Solo/Checkride)	2	\$200	\$400
	Simulator	24	\$86	\$2,064
	PA-44 (Dual)	10	\$499	\$4,990
	PA-44 (Checkride)	2	\$422	\$844
	141 Ground	35	\$77	\$2,695
	Total Stage Estimate			
CFI (CFISE/CFII/MEI)	CE-172 (Dual)	14	\$277	\$3,878
	CE-172 (Solo/Checkride)	4	\$200	\$800
	PA-44 (Dual)	13	\$499	\$6,487
	PA-44 (Checkride)	2	\$422	\$844
	CFI Ground School			\$2,400
Total Stage Estimate				\$14,409
Total Program Estimate				\$87,021

The flight training portion of the ASU Professional Flight Program is distributed across four stages of certification: Private, Instrument, Commercial, and CFI.

The estimated hours are minimum times. Some students exceed minimum training times and require additional flight and ground/briefing time above 141 minimum requirements.

Schedule of Rates*

Equipment	Rate
Cessna CE-172 (Single-Engine Dual)	\$277
Cessna CE-172 (Single-Engine Solo/Checkride)	\$200
Piper PA-44 (Multi-Engine Dual)	\$499
Piper PA-44 (Multi-Engine Checkride)	\$422
Simulator	\$86
Ground/Briefing	\$77

*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 Event Requirements

ASU requires professional flight students to schedule a minimum of 3 training events per week. 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 simulator event has a lesson plan available on student extranet. Read the lesson plan and arrive prepared. Students who arrive prepared spend more time flying instead of re-training requisite ground knowledge while losing flight proficiency. Students who arrive prepared are more likely to stay on budget.

Train Over Consecutive Semesters

ASU recommends that students begin flight training in their freshman year and train consecutively through the following 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 the junior and senior years.