DEGREE(S)

+ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in aeronautics, concentration in aviation management
+ Minor in air traffic control
+ Minor in flight science
+ Minor in flight education

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Saint Louis University, the only Jesuit university with a flight program, is a premier institution that educates students to be technically brilliant and uniquely enterprising aviation professionals.

Aviation managers apply business, management and aviation knowledge while working in administrative and management positions at an array of organizations, such as aircraft manufacturers, airports, higher education institutions and airlines.

The breadth of the educational experience also allows students to pursue positions outside aviation in other technical fields. A major advantage of earning an aviation management degree is the capability of understanding and speaking the industry’s technical parlance. This makes a strong impression during the interview process, as employers often only expect such knowledgeable interaction from experienced professionals.

Saint Louis University is one of the very few schools in the world with an online aviation management degree program. Students are educated to manage airlines or direct corporate flight offices. They learn to make ethical decisions that contribute to their personal and professional goals and allow them to enrich the community in which they live and work.

Students also have the opportunity to minor in air traffic control or to gain actual flight experience and earn a private pilot’s certificate by enrolling in the flight science minor.

The department also offers minors in flight science (commercial pilot, single and multi-engine with instrument rating), flight education (certified flight instructor with instrument and multi-engine). Through SLU’s School for Professional Studies, we offer helicopter pilot training as an approved emphasis.

ABOUT THE FACULTY

Professionals from the business aviation community along with department faculty teach the aviation management courses. The faculty of the John Cook School of Business teach the business courses within the program. The distance program is offered in partnership by the School for Professional Studies and Parks College.

CURRICULUM

The aviation management curriculum provides aviation knowledge during the freshman year. In the remaining years, the student studies a strong business management core of 39 credit hours that provides skill and knowledge in economics, management, finance, international business and the decision sciences. Advanced aviation coursework includes airport management, aviation law, air transportation economics and a capstone seminar experience.

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Graduate Programs
+ Master of Science (M.S.) in aviation
+ Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in aviation
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Freshman: All applications are thoroughly and carefully reviewed. Solid academic performance in college preparatory course work is a primary criterion in reviewing a freshman applicant’s file. College admission test scores (ACT or SAT) are used as an additional indicator of the student’s ability to meet the University’s academic requirements and to qualify the student for certain University scholarship programs. To be considered for admission to any Saint Louis University undergraduate program, the applicant must be approaching graduation from an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the General Education Development (GED) test.

Transfer: Applicants must be a graduate of an accredited high school or have an acceptable score on the GED. An official high school transcript and official test scores are required only of those students who have attempted fewer than 24 transferable semester hours (or 30 quarter hours) of college credit. Those having completed 24 hours or more of college credit need only submit a transcript from previously attended college(s). In reviewing a transfer applicant’s file, the office of admission holistically examines the student’s academic performance in college-level coursework as an indicator of the student’s ability to meet the academic rigors of Saint Louis University.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND FINANCIAL AID

There are two principal ways to help finance a Saint Louis University education: 
+ Scholarships: awarded based on academic achievement, service, leadership and financial need. 
+ Financial Aid: provided in the form of grants and loans, some of which require repayment.

For priority consideration for merit-based scholarships, applicants should apply for admission by Dec. 1 and complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1.

For information on other scholarships and financial aid, visit the student financial services office online at finaid.slu.edu.

WHY CHOOSE THIS PROGRAM?

+ SLU is the only Jesuit University in the United States to offer aviation science degrees, and our students are offered a much more well-rounded curriculum to educate the "whole person."
+ Aviation management is available to students as an on-campus or flexible online/distance format.
+ Students have the opportunity to minor in a number of different areas. They can gain actual flight experience by earning FAA certificate licenses through the flight science minor, learn about a different and exciting area of the aviation industry through the air traffic control minor or choose from one of SLU’s many other minors that will help supplement their aviation management skills.

Other benefits of the program include a range of career opportunities for graduates of the aviation management degree program with positions in areas such as sales, marketing, personnel management and/or budgeting.

Numerous supervisory positions are available in the aerospace industry, including:
+ Commercial airlines 
+ Aircraft manufacturers 
+ Fixed base operators 
+ Corporate aviation 
+ Airports and government agencies

Students completing the flight science minor earn the Federal Aviation Administration pilot certificates and ratings that are necessary for employment with the commercial airline industry. These students may also be eligible under the Institutional Authority Program for a transcript endorsement leading to a restricted ATP certificate with either 1,000 or 1,250 hours of flight experience depending on the number of approved credit hours completed. Students who graduate from unapproved institutions require 1,500 hours of flight experience prior to ATP certification. This also allows students to qualify for the ATP certification at the age of 21 instead of having to wait until they are 23.

Students completing the flight science minor are eligible to participate in one of the "pipeline" or "pathway" programs that Parks College participates in with the following airlines:
+ Airline Pathway Program (AP3) – ExpressJet Airlines 
+ Pilot Pipeline Program – Envoy Air, Inc. 
+ Aviation Career Pipeline Interview Program – Republic Airways Holdings 
+ Aviators Program: A Professional Pilot Career Pipeline – Trans States Airlines

Internships are very important to the student's transition to the work place. To get a comprehensive list of internship opportunities in all areas of the business aviation career field, stop by SLU’s Student Success Center.

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