

DSU Flight Training Projected Program Costs 2025-2026 Academic Year

Tuition	\$4,217.50/semester
Housing	\$2,625.00/semester
Meal Plan	\$2,217.00/semester
Special Fees	~\$250.00/semester (estimate)
Total	\$9,309.50/semester

Annual Estimated Cost for Tuition and Housing - \$18,619.00

Total Estimated Cost for 4-year Tuition and Housing - \$74,476.00

****Additional Aviation Related Costs for Flight Training****

These values represent the **MINIMUM** flight training required for each syllabus.

- **Most students require additional instructional time, so it is suggested to plan anywhere from 10-15% over the estimated costs listed below.**
- The FAA knowledge test fee is calculated in the inclusive total student cost for each course below. This \$175 fee is *paid directly to the test center by the student and not to Delta State.*
- The FAA designated examiner's fee is subject to change and varies based on the type of practical exam. This fee is included in the inclusive total student costs below for CAV 355, 361, 390, and MEI Add-On. This fee is *paid directly to the examiner by the student and not to Delta State.*
- The cost for the use of the aircraft for an estimated 1.5 hours for FAA Practical Exam (check-ride) CAV 355, 361, 390, and MEI Add-On is in the total cost.
- Fuel surcharges may apply due to large and unpredictable market price increases.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Inclusive Minimum Cost</u>	<u>FAA Certification Outcome</u>
CAV 251	\$12,050.00 (C-172) \$10,995.00 (C-152)	(Private Pilot Single-Engine)
CAV 353/354	\$15,184.00	(Instrument Pilot Single-Engine)
CAV 355	\$19,018.00	(Commercial Single-Engine)
CAV 363	\$10,130.50	(Multi-Engine Add-On)
CAV 361	\$9,756.00	(Flight Instructor)
CAV 390	\$6,989.00	(Instrument Instructor)
MEI Add-On	\$3,081.00	(Multi-Engine Instructor option, highly encouraged)

Total Minimum Flight and Ground School Costs

\$76,188.50 (CAV 251 in C-172)

\$75,133.50 (CAV 251 in C-152)

Miscellaneous: \$1,500, including certain course fees

ESTIMATED TOTAL MINIMUM Costs: Bachelor of Commercial Aviation with a major in Flight Operations

\$152,164.50 (CAV 251 in C-172)

\$151,109.50 (CAV 251 in C-152)

Notes and Miscellaneous Costs:

1. An administration charge of \$100 per term is applied to student flight accounts each term. This covers the costs associated with software for the electronic recordkeeping of student flight and ground school training.
2. Each syllabus is designed to be completed in one semester. Because of outside influences (weather, personal health, aircraft maintenance), some students extend their training into the next term.
3. Students are required to receive an FAA 2nd class (1st preferred) medical examination from a Designated Medical Examiner (DME). Costs vary, ranging from \$150-250.
4. Students must maintain current publications, navigational charts, instrument procedures, reference materials, and small supplies as required by the FAA and Delta State (fuel sumps, sectionals, physical POHs if desired, FAR/AIMs, etc).
5. Students are required to use a headset for radio/intercom communication and hearing protection (one-time cost \$350-\$1000 depending on model and features).
6. The training cost depicted above for each course is calculated with the student completing each lesson on the first attempt and does not take into consideration extra training beyond the minimum to achieve proficiency or any outside influences that can cause a lesson to be extended or not completed. Additional ground and flight instructor rates are \$60 per hour, and aircraft usage price per hour varies based on make and model.
7. FAA Knowledge Exams and Practical Exam/check-ride repeats for lack of proficiency incur additional costs and paid directly by the student to the examiner.
8. If a student cannot attend a scheduled training event, they are to advise their instructor no less than two hours prior to the event, or a “no show” fee of \$150.00 will be applied to their flight fund account.

Payment Process:

Per the Delta State Flight Operations Manual, payment of flight fees is processed through an escrow flight fund account managed by Student Business Services. Students must maintain a minimum balance in their flight fund account to schedule flight or ground school lessons. Sources of funds for deposits into the flight fund account include personal, student loan disbursements, or other sources. After each lesson is complete, funds are transferred from the student’s flight fund to flight operations. Failure to maintain the minimum level in the flight fund account may delay the timely completion of CAV courses, leading to an incomplete grade, or even failure.