

Everglades University

Opening doors to premier opportunities in aviation

Getting a career in aviation isn't easy. For most people, it's only through entry positions that better opportunities are accessible. Often, premier positions require a college degree, a requirement that many who desire entry-level jobs may be missing. People who encounter this stumbling block in the path toward an aviation career should investigate the aviation program at Everglades University. This private university has its main campus at Boca Raton, Fla. Branch campuses are located at Sarasota and Altamonte Springs/Orlando, Fla. The university's aviation department offers three programs: B.S. in aviation management, B.S. in aviation technology and master's in aviation science. This small university offers quality education, concern for its individual students, small classes and experienced faculty.

Approximately 200 students from across the United States and overseas are enrolled in Everglades' aviation programs. Both high school graduates and career-changers seeking to enhance their aviation careers attend. The average student age is 29. This mix of aviation experience among classmates provides younger students with an early insight into the industry. Students at Everglades are best described as goal-oriented, serious-minded, highly motivated and enthusiastic about the education they're receiving.

Faculty members hold master's or doctoral degrees in their field of aviation studies, along with industry experience (16 years on average). With the school's small classes, Everglades' teachers know their students by name, face, goal and accomplishment. University teachers are



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selected as motivators, mentors and role models for their students.

"Our mission isn't to take an A&P or pilot and just make him or her a better mechanic or flyer," says Michael Flynn, the department chair of aviation. "Rather, in addition to a strong core of general subjects expected of any good university degree, we want our graduates to learn their entire industry." The university meets this goal through the student's choice of three degree programs.

Bachelor's In Aviation Technology

This degree is designed to help current aviation professionals move ahead in the diverse and ever-changing aviation industry. Technical course work includes such studies as advanced aerodynamics, meteorology, and jet transport engines and systems. Non-technical aviation classes include airport planning and management, labor relations,

aviation insurance, and management principles and practices applicable to FBOs, aircraft maintenance firms, corporate flight departments and airline operations.

FAA certificates and ratings held by people with experience in ATC, aviation maintenance, flight operations, airline dispatch, military aviation or professional piloting are evaluated for transfer credit.

Bachelor's In Aviation Management

Courses toward this degree include management studies, basic aviation technology and business coursework in accounting, statistics, finances, economics, marketing and human resources.

Aviation management is a rapidly growing job sector. The industry is in the process of reinventing itself for the 21st century with new services, missions and equipment. More aviation managers are needed, and the few schools that offer a degree in this discipline are hard-pressed to meet the demand. Aviation manufacturers, con-

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sulting and engineering firms, government agencies, airports and aircraft maintenance contractors are among those who need aviation-management students.

Master's In Aviation Science

A master's degree opens high-level and diverse opportunities to students who are pursuing careers in the aviation community. Coupled with a strong research component, course work provides a broad-based curriculum that includes airway transportation systems, airport operations, aerospace communications and logistics, and advanced security and safety systems.

Innovations At Everglades

Two innovative scheduling methods are offered to Everglades' aviation students. Both give "practicality" a new meaning as it relates to collegiate procedure. First, the school employs a one-class-at-a-time concept. Students complete one class and its exams per month. The traditional 16-week semester is still followed, along with standard credit hours for each subject. This approach, however, permits students to focus on each subject and its study material. It also eliminates the need to cram for multiple finals at the end of each semester.

Second, the school offers a "no hassle" approach to scheduling classes. Upon your enrollment, you and your academic adviser will schedule the entire roster of classes you'll need for graduation. This way, the classes you need will be open when you're ready to take them. Additionally, all three aviation degree programs are offered 100% online with no classroom attendance required. Contact Everglades University for a complete description of its programs or to arrange a campus tour. Visit www.evergladesuniversity.edu, or call (888) 772-6077.

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