



FLIGHT TRAINING CENTER

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Commercial Pilot

“The ultimate responsibility of the pilot is to fulfill the dreams of the countless millions of earthbound ancestors who could only stare skyward and wish. “

FAA Minimums For Commercial Pilot Certificate

Part 61

Must be able to read, speak, write and understand the English language.
Must be at least 18 years of age and hold a Private Pilot Certificate.
Must log at least 250 hours of flight time which must include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 100 hours in a powered aircraft (50 in an airplane) - 100 hours of PIC which must include 50 hours in an airplane and 50 hours of cross country flight
20 hours of flight training from a CFI on the areas of operations listed in 61.127(b)(1).
10 hours of instrument training using a view-limiting device, unless an instrument rating is held. 5 of the 10 hours must be in a single engine airplane.
10 hours of training in a complex aircraft or Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA)
5 hours in night VFR conditions with 10 takeoffs and landings (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower.
One cross country flight of at least 2 hours in a single engine airplane in day conditions, consisting of a total straight line distance of more than 100 nautical miles.
One cross country flight of at least 2 hours in a single engine airplane in night conditions, consisting of a total straight line distance of more than 100 nautical miles.
One cross country flight of not less than 300 nautical miles, with landings at a minimum of three points, one of which is a straight line distance of at least 250 nautical miles from the original departure point.

Part 141

Must be able to read, speak, write and understand the English language.
Must be at least 18 years of age and hold a Private Pilot Certificate.
Must hold an instrument rating or be concurrently enrolled in an instrument rating course in the appropriate aircraft category rating.
120 hours of training while enrolled in the course.
55 hours of flight training from a CFI.
10 hours of instrument training using a view-limiting device, unless an instrument rating is held. 5 of the 10 hours must be in a single engine airplane.
10 hours of training in a complex aircraft, Turbine-powered aircraft, or Technically Advanced Aircraft (TAA)
5 hours in night VFR conditions with 10 takeoffs and landings (with each landing involving a flight in the traffic pattern) at an airport with an operating control tower.
One cross country flight of at least 2 hours in a single engine airplane in day VFR conditions, consisting of a total straight line distance of more than 100 nautical miles.
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The three stages in AFI's Commercial Pilot Course are as follows:

Stage One - Commercial Maneuvers and Regulations

Objective: Introductions to Commercial Maneuvers and Regulations

It's just like riding a bike, they say. Well, if you learned to ride that bike a certain way then you will probably ride it that way for the rest of your life. Old habits are hard to break and this is much the case in the Commercial Pilot Course. You would be surprised at how your eyes want to sneak back into the cockpit to scan those instruments. During this stage of training, you will learn how to look outside of the aircraft again. Five new maneuvers will be introduced and the margin of error allowed in the performance of these maneuvers is minimal. You will also take a more in depth look at aviation regulations as they apply to you as a Commercial Pilot.

Stage Two - Complex Aircraft

Objective: Build Time and Experience in a Complex Aircraft

In stage two, you will review commercial pilot maneuvers in a complex aircraft. You will also take this time (if you haven't done so in stage one) to build the minimum flight time required per the FAA for a Commercial Pilot Certificate.

Stage Three - Flight Test

Objective: Prepare for the FAA Practical Test

During stage three you will, once again, prepare for your Practical Test ("Checkride"). A portion of your Practical Test will be performed on the ground followed by a flight in a Cessna 172 or 152.