



JAA Pro Course/ FAA Part 141 / 61 Combined Basic Course

Total Flight Hours about 280.0

Private Part 141

22.5 hrs.	Cessna 172 (Dual)	\$160.00	\$3,600.00
10 hrs.	Cessna 172 (Solo)	\$115.00	\$1,150.00
2.5 hrs.	Simulator (Dual)	\$120.00	\$300.00
30 hrs.	Ground School		\$600.00
1 hrs.	Pilot kit with books	\$329.00	\$356.14
1	Written Exam		\$150.00
1	Checkride		\$450.00
1.5 hrs.	VFR Cessna 172 (Solo) Checkride	\$115.00	\$172.50
	Total		\$6,778.64

ATPL Ground School

20 Weeks	ATPL Ground School		\$4,995.00
14 Exams		Each 90 GBP	\$125.00
	Total		\$6,745.00

Instrument Part 141

17.5 hrs.	Cessna 172SP (Dual)	\$160.00	\$2,800.00
30 hrs.	Ground School		\$600.00
17.5 hrs.	Simulator (Dual)	\$120.00	\$2,100.00
1	Pilot kit with books	\$329.00	\$356.14
1	Written Exam		\$150.00
1	Checkride		\$450.00
1.5 hrs.	Cessna 172SP (Checkride)	\$115.00	\$172.50
	Total		\$6,628.64

Commercial Part 61 AMEL

157 hrs.	Cessna 152 (Hour Building)	\$55.00	\$8,635.00
20 hrs.	PA 44 Seminole (Dual)	\$305.00	\$6,100.00
1	Checkride		\$450.00
1	Written Exam		\$150.00
1	Books and Supplies		\$100.00
1.5 hrs.	PA 44 Seminole (Checkride)	\$260.00	\$390.00
	Total		\$15,825.00

JAA Instrument	Completed at Egnatia	€6050	\$8,700.00
JAA CPL Conversion	Completed at Egnatia	€2600	\$3,300.00
Multi Crew Cooperation Course	Completed at Egnatia	€2850	\$4,130.00
	Total Course		\$52,100.00
Course ID # 104		Euro	41,100.00

This is an estimate based on minimum hours only.
Each student will vary depending on his/her learning ability.
Prices are not guaranteed and may change depending on current fuel and oil prices.



Lodging and Cost of Living in Arlington, TX

Weather

We have all 4 seasons here in Texas. Temperatures in the summer can range from 85° F to 105°F, where winters can range from 60° to 0°. There is a saying in Texas, "If you don't like the weather, wait 24 hours." Texas weather is very changeable. Texas has 4 seasons. Most people wear shorts in the summer. The falls and springs are cool and rainy. An umbrella and sweater (one heavy and one light) is necessary. The winters can go from mild to very cold. Bring a heavy coat and gloves. It is recommended that when it gets cold to wear several layers of lighter, loose-fit clothing. This keeps you warmer than clothing that is one-layer and tight fitting. Skymates does not offer a school uniform and would like for you to dress for the weather so that you are comfortable in the aircraft.

Money

Do not carry a lot of cash with you at any one time. If you must make a big purchase, use checks, credit cards, debit cards, or money order. We will assist you in opening a checking account after your arrival here in the US. Most all banks offer a visa debit card with your checking account, which will help you a great deal. Opening a checking account is a simple process and only takes a few minutes and will help you keep track of your spending. You will need a checking account to pay your bills such as electricity and rent.

Banking hours vary throughout the U.S., but most banks are open from 9 am to 3 PM, Monday through Friday. Some banks are now keeping the lobbies open until 5 p.m. with the drive-through open until 7 p.m. Saturday banking hours are usually only until 1 PM. Some airport tellers may extend their hours. Traveler's checks are easily converted into cash and are accepted by most businesses without any problem. Therefore, it is recommended that you change your money into US dollar traveler's checks before leaving your country.

Cost of Food

You can eat lunch in a fast food restaurant for around \$5.00. You will save a lot of money if you purchase your food at a grocery store and cook your meals at home and bring your lunch to school. You can view the cost of groceries at the following link: <http://www.albertsons.com> This is a local common grocery store with average prices.

Sales Tax

When you purchase an item in America, the price the stores put on an item is the price of the item only. The cashier will add in the sales tax when you pay. In the Dallas/Ft. Worth area, sales tax ranges from 7.25 to 8.75 percent. If an item is 99 cents, you will pay around \$1.07 (this is the price + the sales tax). There should not be sales tax on food purchased to take to your home and cook. There is tax on all single serve fast food.

The City of Arlington

Arlington is a great place to live and a well-known tourist area with Six Flags theme park, water park, Texas Rangers Baseball, the New Dallas Cowboy Football Stadium and many other attractions. The following links have a lot of excellent information on the Arlington area and things to do:

<http://www.arlingtontx.com/Default.aspx?tabid=104>

<http://www.allacrosstexas.com/arlington.htm>

http://www.ci.arlington.tx.us/index_visitors.html

http://www.moving.com/find_a_place/cityprofile/results.asp?City=Arlington&State=44&zip=76018&sbmtZIP=Get+Report

ARRIVAL CHECK LIST: IN AMERICA

- Go to the apartment complex to complete paperwork and to sign lease.
- Apply for Telephone & Electricity (completed over telephone)
- Apply for a Social Security number. (You will not be issued a SS card on an M-1 visa, but you will still have to apply and take the denial letter to the driver's license office to receive your Texas driver's license.) You must be on a minimum of a 1 year visa in order to qualify for a Texas Drivers License.
- Get either your Texas Driver's License or the Texas ID card.
- Open a bank account
- Go to a local general home store to purchase groceries and items needed for apartment.

Renting An Apartment

Most of the apartments here are not furnished. You can furnish an apartment with around 500.00 or less, depending on your taste. You are responsible for the electric bill and telephone with these apartments. The apartments are not within walking distance.

We have 6 houses available to our students. A private room is around 375.00 per month. These are fully furnished with all bills paid. The houses are within walking distance of the school.

Neither the apartments nor the houses are owned by Skymates. There are plenty of both available so you can wait until after you arrive to decide which one that you want. All of the lodging management here requires you to be here personally in order to lease an apartment

If you would like to check out other apartments available in the area you can visit the following websites:

www.aptlocator.com www.texaspt.com

www.aptselector.com/arlington

Requirements for leasing or renting an apartment vary from apartment complex to apartment complex.

- You need to be 18 years or older.
- Not every apartment complex requires the same papers. When renting an apartment, you must fill out an application. Because international students coming to the U.S. on an M-1 visa are not eligible for a social security card, ask the apartment manager if they accept international students without one. Some do and some do not. You will need to show financial statement or a bank deposit slip, and proof of school registration.
- Every apartment complex requires a security deposit. It ranges from \$50 to \$250. A few apartments are now asking for a larger deposit for students without social security numbers.
- Once you move out of the apartment, you will receive your deposit back if the apartment is in good condition and you complete the term of your lease. Some complexes automatically take out a cleaning fee so you may want to ask about that in advance.
- Some apartment complexes require an application fee (between \$20 and \$40). This is money you have to pay to apply for an apartment. It is non-refundable.
- Some apartment complexes will give students a discount. You have to ask about this also.

Important Points To Know Before Leasing Or Renting An Apartment

- Never put down money as a deposit to "hold" an apartment unless you are certain that you want to rent that apartment. If you change your mind, the landlord can and will keep the entire deposit.
- Read the lease carefully before signing. Read all the fine print.
- Negotiate up front. If you don't like something in the lease, ask that it be changed. Maybe it will, maybe it won't. Ask questions about anything that is unclear.
- Put all oral promises in writing, including agreements, notices, and requests for repairs.
- Do not sign the lease for a longer period that you intend to stay. You may not be able to break the lease without penalty. If you break the lease, the landlord will keep your deposit, and may charge you for the time remaining on your lease.
- Every person that signs the lease is legally responsible for the entire amount of the rent. If your roommate moves out, you must pay the full amount, not just your share.
- Know whether the cost of utilities is included in the rental payment.
- Keep a copy of the lease. Make sure it is a copy signed by you and the apartment manager.

All apartments here come with stove and refrigerators. You will be responsible for the electricity and telephone usage. Your electric in a 1-bedroom apartment should run around 50.00 per month. Local telephone service can be established for around 40.00 per month.

Transportation:

You can purchase a good used vehicle for around 1500.00. The tax title and license will cost around 350.00. You must have liability insurance in the State of Texas and a driver's license. You may want to have an international drivers license before coming to the states or you can apply for a Texas Drivers license after you arrive. In order to get a Texas drivers license you will need to take a written and a driving test. Insurance can vary in price but the average cost for "liability only" insurance is around 60.00 per month. You can also arrange to carpool with other students if you wish. Write to the school for available carpool options before arrival.



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The Following Will Walk You Through The Process Of Applying For A Student Visa.

1. Contact Skymates for a copy of our application form and submit it to our office.
2. The following documents will need to be sent along with the application. These can be scanned and emailed.
 - a. Scanned color copy of identification and expiration portion of passport.
 - b. Digital Photograph (please see application for specific directions)
 - c. Non-refundable Application fee of \$500.00
(These funds can be wired directly to Skymates or you may pay by international money order.
Contact the school for bank wire information.)
 - d. Proof of financial responsibility. This needs to be an official bank document showing that you have funds available for flight training desired and living expenses. Living expenses are based at \$700.00 per month while you are in the USA. If the funds are deposited in a bank in another individuals name you will need to have that person send a letter stating that they will be financially responsible for your living expenses and flight training while in the USA.
3. Skymates will then send you an acceptance letter along with an M-1 visa application (also called an I-20 form)
4. [Complete the form I-901 online](https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml) at <https://www.fmjfee.com/index.jhtml> The cost for this will be \$200. You will receive a receipt immediately after registration. Print this out and keep it for your appointment with the US Embassy. Later you will receive your official receipt of payment in the mail. You must complete this step prior to scheduling your interview appointment with the American Embassy. Important - the information you enter on the Form I-901 must match exactly as you entered on the Form I-20. Include an additional \$30.00 to expedite the process if needed (recommended). You may pay this fee by credit card online or you can print out the application and send it with a money order issued by an American bank. You must have this receipt when visiting the US Embassy to apply for your visa and you will need to forward a copy of this receipt to the school also.
5. The prospective student must call the nearest U.S. Embassy for an appointment to receive approval of the M-1 visa. The student will then go to the U.S. Embassy with the appropriate documents for a routine interview. Appropriate documents include: Form I-20; Passport; Financial Statements; Receipt for payment of Form I-901. The student will be notified as to whether they have been approved or disapproved. If all is in order, the U.S. Embassy will provide the student with a M-1 Student Visa, permitting the student to enter the U.S. The length of time for this process varies from country to country. It may be a good idea to practice your interview with a friend or family member and to research the aviation field in your home country. Three of the most important questions asked by the Embassy are as follows:
 - a. Why you would like to become a pilot?
 - b. What assurance can you give us that you will return to your home country after completion of your flight training?
 - c. How do you know that you can obtain a position as a pilot after returning home?

It is often necessary to make two or three trips to the US Embassy/Consulate before they will issue you a visa. Don't give up hope if you are denied a first or even a second or third time. This is standard policy. Just because they say don't come back doesn't mean you shouldn't return and try again, unless you are given a written statement stating that you should not return before a specific date. Several of our students here now are studying because they didn't give up. Many students complain that the people in our Embassies are not very polite. Do not be taken aback if this is the case. Just keep trying. You should show as little contact with people in the United States as possible and should be able to demonstrate that, without a doubt, your pilot training will benefit you in your home country. Any evidence of home country permanence--for instance, ownership of a home, family staying behind, ownership of a business etc--will dramatically improve your chances of obtaining a visa. Show as much of the money as possible from home country sources. The fact that you have relatives over here does not help you get a visa, and it may hurt you (their main fear in giving out visas is whether or not you intend to leave the US after graduation). We will not call the Embassy on your behalf. The US State Department is clear in saying that we should not do so. Calls to the Embassy are reserved for life-threatening concerns.

Be prepared to talk about how pilot licenses from the United States will assist you in your country. This is one of the questions that often come up in the interview.

The people interviewing you see hundreds of people each day, and each one has an "urgent" need to get into the United States. Such a story will not help you, as many people are trying to get here for reasons much more important than studying. Telling the Embassy things like "I must be allowed to go because I will be working with an important airline," or "because my family or friend is an airline pilot and I think it is cool," may do more harm than good. Embassies and Consulates do not like to know you are going to work in the United States-- even if it is legal work allowed by federal regulations. It is much better to focus on your need to study, and the benefits a US degree will have for you back in your home country.

The U.S. has changed the organizational structure of its immigration system, and along with that will come occasional problems as people adjust to the new system. Don't be surprised to hear different people say different things about what you should and should not do to obtain a visa. The keys to obtaining the visa remains:

- >> An academic goal;
- >> The ability to use your Pilot License within your own country;
- >> Connections to your home that appear strong enough to last while you study elsewhere.

In your interview, whatever questions they ask, it is with these three main ideas that they are considering. Don't forget that. Any evidence that you can provide to support those three ideas will assist you greatly. Such as advertisements for pilot positions in your home country or a letter from an airline explaining the qualifications for being hired. It also adds an extra impression if you have already obtained an Aviation Authority Approved medical certificate from your home country. A "Chartered Accountant Report " from an accountant or certified financial statement showing more than enough funds to cover flight training and living expenses.

Good luck! I know how difficult it can be to receive an approval for a student visa. We wish you the best of luck and remember that all this work now will ultimately pay off. Don't give up.

6. [Fill out application for a background check](https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov) at <https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov> with TSA online. The application-processing fee for each course is \$130. The name on the credit card used must match the name on the application. If there is no fingerprinting agency located in your home country, you will need to have the fingerprint portion completed after entering the United States. You can verify if there is an agency in your home country by going to the above link and completing the form, after which, an email will be sent to you requesting fingerprints and you will be given access to a website that will show you all fingerprinting agencies. The TSA fee does not have to be paid until after you have received approval for you M-1 visa.
7. Time to pack your bags! After receiving an M-1 visa, the student must provide Skymates with the details of his/her travel arrangements before entry to the United States. This includes flight information and arrival time at DFW International Airport. Upon request, Skymates will schedule a pick up service from the airport through the local shuttle service.
8. It is recommended that all International Students purchase a "Medical/Accident" Insurance Policy prior to arriving in the U.S., for the length of time they are in flight training at Skymates. There are several insurance companies listed on the Internet to help you with this service.

Requirements for obtaining a Pilot License in the United States:

1. Read, speak, write and understand the English language.
2. Pass a US approved medical exam.
3. Vision must be 20/20 with or with corrective lens.
4. Age requirements:
 - a. Must be at least 16 to solo
 - b. Must be at least 17 for Private Pilot
 - c. Must be at least 18 for Commercial Pilot
 - d. Must be at least 23 for Airline Transport Pilot
5. Must pass a written exam and final checkride for each course.



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Mandatory Registration Process for Non-US Citizens Attending a Flight Training Program

TSA

Completing the registration process with TSA takes 30 days. To do this the following will need to be completed:

Go to TSA's website and enroll at: <https://www.flightschoolcandidates.gov>

After filling in the beginning of their form, they will email you a login name and password. You will then go back to their website and complete the application. There are 2 steps to this process. Once you finish the first step you will need to return to their home page and sign in again. There will be an option to complete and submit their application. If you do not complete this process, your application will not go through. TSA will charge a fee of \$130.00 US which you can pay on-line with a credit card. TSA will then email the school to ask if you have tried to enroll in our school. Our school will answer this email immediately. 2-3 days after this you will receive an email telling you that you need to be fingerprinted before final approval. Up to this point should take about 1 week. Unfortunately, there are very few locations outside United States to have this done. They are working on changing this. So please check their website often to see if there is somewhere you can do this in your home country, before you enter the US, in order to have this process completed before you arrive if possible. If this is still not an option, you can have the fingerprints taken at DFW airport after you arrive. You do not need an appointment for this. The office at DFW is currently charging 20.00 for this. Each agency may or may not charge a fee. They are open for fingerprinting from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday thru Thursday and 9:00 am to 12:00 pm on Friday. You may begin your flight training once the school has received notice from TSA that you have been approved for flight training.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding The TSA Form:

What is the Course ID Number?

141

What is the Course Name?

Choose Only One:

Initial

Instrument

Multi

(You will have to reapply with TSA for each above course)

What is the Course Description?

Choose Only One:

Initial

Instrument

Multi

What is the Aircraft Type?

CE 172 CE 152 (for Private Pilot) Please put all available aircraft for the training you will be taking.

What is my Start Date?

Put the start date stated on your Form I-20

What is my End Date?

Put the end date as 3 months from the start date. This date is not important. TSA gives you 365 days from your start date to complete.

What is my Student ID Number?

Your Student ID number is the number on your SEVIS I-20 form that the school will send to you when you apply for enrollment.

Additional Charges

Checkrides for each course are 300.00 – 450.00 depending on which examiner you choose.

Written exam for each course are 100.00 each. (These are included in the Professional Pilot Course Cost)

Pilot Medicals range from 85.00 to 110.00 depending on which doctor you see.

Headsets are 150.00 – 600.00 depending on which style you choose

Renters insurance is 261.00 per year and is mandatory. You can purchase this online from AOPA by going to www.aopa.org or www.avemco.com This is the most least expensive company we could find.

TSA fees are 130.00 each for Private, Instrument and Multi training. The fingerprint office at DFW charges 20.00 for fingerprints.

I-901 fee is 200.00

We provide transportation to DFW for fingerprints, trips to the doctor, bank...etc.... We offer transportation to and from school upon request depending on the amount of students requiring transportation at the same time.

Pickup from DFW airport is free.

You will need a laptop for your studies here. You can price laptop's at www.dell.com or you can wait and shop around after you arrive. Dell charges around 500.00 for their smallest laptops and their prices are competitive.

You will be fully responsible for purchasing any medical insurance that you need while in the United States. Medical care here is very expensive if you do not have insurance. This is not a requirement, but if you have an accident or become ill you will need it.

Flight training is not like traditional Universities or Colleges. The hours required to complete your training can vary from person to person. For example, while one student can complete his/her Private Pilot training in under 30.0 hours dual the next student may complete his/her Private training with 80.0 hours dual. This can cause the cost of the course to go up due to the extra instruction fees. The flight hours normally average out in the end, due to the 250.0 total hours required by the FAA to complete your Commercial Pilot Training. You cannot be signed off to take a final checkride, until you have demonstrated to your instructor that you are ready.



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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT
APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
PLEASE COMPLETE ALL FIELDS TO AVOID DELAYS

Students Full Legal Name As Reported On Passport

Last: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

Address Line 3: _____

City: _____ Country: _____

Province/Territory: _____ Postal Code: _____

Telephone Number Including Country Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Address and Telephone Number: _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Country of Citizenship: _____ Country of Birth: _____

Are you enrolled in another school and needing a transfer? Yes No

If yes, please provide the name, of the school transferring from:

Lodging Required? Yes No

Desired Starting Date: _____ Desired Completion Date: _____

Do you currently hold a pilot license? _____

If yes, what type of license and what country was it issued from? _____

How many total flight hours logged? _____

PLEASE CHECK BELOW IF INDIVIDUAL COURSE IS REQUESTED

- Private Pilot Course
 - Instrument Rating Course
 - Commercial Certification Course
 - Complete Professional Pilot Course
 - Flight Instructor Course
 - Instrument Flight Instructor Course
 - Multi Engine Flight Instructor Course
 - Airline Transport Pilot
 - Other (Please Describe)
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Payments for your training are due in up to 6 installments, with the first due before you start your Private Pilot training, and the remaining being due each month after for the next 5 months. Please make sure that all payments for flight training are sent to the school and all funds for living expenses are sent to you personally. You can open a bank account after arriving here for this purpose. ALL payments for flight training are payable **directly to Skymates** and will not be processed thru any representative of Skymates. **No** representative under any circumstances is authorized to accept payments for flight training on behalf of Skymates, Inc.

If you have flight hours logged, please forward a copy of your pilot logbook (final page only) with your hours totaled and your foreign pilot license along with your application form for review from the Chief Flight Instructor and/or a personal quote for completion of training. If you are converting a foreign license you will need to apply for a conversion of your Private Pilot License with the FAA. Your converted private pilot license will be based on your foreign private pilot license and medical. All restrictions on your current license will apply. Your foreign medical must be valid for the entire length of training time in the United States. For further information on conversions and to apply go to:

http://www.faa.gov/licenses_certificates/airmen_certification/foreign_license_verification/

Which method will you be sending the original deposit? _____

Enrollment fees sent: 500.00

Name of originating bank and sender's name: _____

Date it was/or will be sent: _____

Please make sure that if you wire funds that the students name is listed on the wire directions from the originating bank for proper credit. We receive bank wires everyday with no students name attached. This will delay your paperwork.

Student Signature: _____

Bank Wire Information:

All bank wires should be sent to:

Citibank, N.A.
Arlington FC# 393
Arlington, TX 76011

Citibank Routing Number: 113193532
Skymates Account Number: 9786205803
Swift Code: CITI US 33

Please attach the following documents to this application and forward to sherry@skymates.com
(These documents can be scanned in color and sent by email except the photo. File extensions accepted for the photo are listed below.)

- **Digital photograph that must meet the following requirements. The photos must not be scanned photographs.**
 - Proper Lighting Arrangement - Position light sources on both sides of the subject to avoid shadows on the face. Use a light source to illuminate the background behind the subject to avoid shadows in background.
 - Camera / Subject Position - Place the camera approximately 4 ft. from the subject. Position the camera at the subject's eye level. Position the subject so that he/she faces the camera. Photograph the subject against a plain white or off-white background and center the subject's head within the frame.
 - Photograph Print Properties - Produce a 2 inch x 2 inch color photo.
 - Resolution Quality - High-resolution photography and printing are highly recommended. The entire face and all fine facial features should be in focus. For uploading photographs, we accept the following file extensions: BMP, DOC, GIF, HTML, JPEG, JPG, PDF, and TIF. In addition, the file name may only contain ENGLISH characters.
- **Identification portion of valid passport**
- **Proof of financial responsibility**
- **500.00 enrollment fee**

Please fill in the following so that we may thank the correct person or company:

How did you hear about our Pilot Training Academy?

Search Engine Name: _____

Former Student Name: _____

Employee Name: _____

Other: _____

I, _____, certify that I can read, write, speak and understand the English language. I understand that this is a requirement for flight training in the United States. I also understand that if I arrive at Skymates, Inc and do not meet the English requirements that I will not be allowed to enroll in my intended course.

Signature: _____