



# DEPARTMENT OF AVIATION

The mission of the Department of Aviation is to provide knowledge and skills of a competent pilot, air traffic controller, and/or industry professional combined with a broad liberal education and business concentration that will provide you with an initial and long-term competitive advantage as professionals in global organizations and in society.

## TOP TEN REASONS TO CONSIDER THE **OU Department of Aviation**

- 1 All four of OU's Aviation Bachelor of Science degree concentration programs are accredited by the national and international Aviation Accreditation Board International (AABI). AABI member universities and accredited programs subscribe to the highest educational standards found within collegiate aviation and open themselves up to peer review and assessment on a continuing basis. We listen to our students, our faculty, and the aviation industry through our aviation advisory boards.
- 2 Faculty, adjunct faculty, and instructors bring a combined 300 years of operational aviation and real-world experience into the classroom from disciplines of airlines, corporate aviation, air traffic control, Department of Defense, airport management, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and government.
- 3 With one of the nation's best academic and flight training foundations, OU will prepare you for a career in your chosen professional aviation discipline. Our program has been highlighted by OU and external accreditors as being very student centered.
- 4 OU Aviation offers students the opportunity to apply to aviation internships all over the country. Currently, we're connected to paid and volunteer opportunities at American Airlines, Denver International Airport, Raytheon, Southwest Airlines, Tinker Air Force Base Airfield Operations, and UPS to name a few.
- 5 The Aviation Department includes learning labs like the Simulation Center with full Air Traffic Control and Advanced Aviation Training Device simulation. Students are exposed to a wide variety of weather conditions and will gain proficiency in weather-related decision making in flying and controlling. This helps refine students' aeronautical decision-making skill sets.
- 6 Our graduates are sought out by the aviation industry through the Air Traffic-Collegiate Training Initiative and airline bridge/pipeline/CADET programs.
- 7 Students join a legacy of more than 75 years of flight training at OU. The aviation facilities cultivate a small college-feel and atmosphere with all aviation courses taught at the OU-owned Max Westheimer airport with class D airspace and full precision approaches.
- 8 OU has one of the best safety records in the nation. We are one of the first programs in the nation to incorporate Safety Management Systems principles in all lab/student activity.
- 9 Students have the opportunity for personal growth in leadership and team skills! OU's recognized senior capstone course allows each student to engage in real-world aviation problems.
- 10 You can join a number of student organizations that span across aviation disciplines, including the American Association of Airport Executives Officers, Sooner Aviation Club, Sooner Air Traffic Control Association, National Intercollegiate Flying Association, Flying Sooners, and Women in Aviation.

### DEGREE PROGRAMS

- Air Traffic Management
- Aviation Management (flying and non-flying options)
- Professional Pilot

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