



International Flight Training Courses

Northeast Helicopters is pleased to offer the following courses to our International students. These courses are specifically designed to maximize the training time allotted to our non-immigrant students, in addition to meeting the requirements set by the Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Immigration (formerly known as the Immigration and Naturalization Service).

Graduates of the following courses will be issued a Graduation certificate at the completion of the program and upon attaining their FAA rating appropriate to the course being taken.

Upon completion of the course and the issuance of the graduation certificate, students will have no more than 30 days to depart the U.S. in accordance with U.S. Customs and Immigration directives.

International students are required by the INS to train a minimum of five days per week, or they may be subject to dismissal from the school.

Private Pilot Course:

This course is designed to introduce the pilot candidate to the world of flying. Students will be instructed not only on the aspects of operating a helicopter, but also receive extensive training on aerodynamics and the physical properties of rotary wing flight. Additional training is provided focusing on air navigation, airport operations, controlled airspace and advanced helicopter operating maneuvers. At the successful completion of this course and the FAA required testing, candidates will be awarded certification from the FAA as a licensed private pilot.

TOTAL ESTIMATED GROUND INSTRUCTION: 69 HOURS

45 Classroom hours
15 One-on-one briefing hours
9 Pre-post flight instructional hours

TOTAL ESTIMATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTION: 51 HOURS

44 Dual instruction hours
5 Solo flight hours
2 FAA certification check flight

Instrument Pilot Course:

This course is designed to prepare licensed private and commercial pilots to operate helicopters in instrument meteorological conditions or when on instrument flights. The requirement for professional helicopter pilots to attain an instrument rating is quickly becoming the industry standard. Pilots will be trained on the fundamentals of instrument flying, use of the air traffic control system, IFR navigation, IFR holding procedures and the various types of precision and non-precision instrument approaches. At the successful completion of this course and the FAA required testing, pilots will be awarded the additional rating as either private instrument or commercial instrument helicopter pilot.

TOTAL ESTIMATED GROUND INSTRUCTION: 80.5

52.5 Classroom hours
17.5 One-on-one briefing hours
10.5 Pre-post flight instructional hours

TOTAL ESTIMATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTION: 59.5

57.5 Dual instructional hours
2.0 FAA Certification check flight

Commercial Pilot Course:

This course is designed to prepare the private pilot for entry into the aviation industry as a professional helicopter pilot. The commercial pilot course will build on the knowledge and skill gained in the private pilot course. Pilots can expect to hone their skills and be trained on more advanced and technical operation of the helicopter. In addition, students will gain a greater understanding of helicopter systems and the physical properties associated with rotary wing flight. A Commercial Helicopter license is required to fly for hire.

TOTAL ESTIMATED GROUND INSTRUCTION: 92

- 60 Classroom hours
- 20 One-on-one briefing hours
- 12 Pre-post flight instructional hours

TOTAL ESTIMATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTION: 68

- 56 Dual instructional hours
- 10 Solo flight hours
- 2 FAA Certification check flight

Flight Instructor and Flight Instructor Instrument Pilot Course:

This course is designed to prepare the instrument rated commercial pilot for employment as a certified flight instructor (CFI) and instrument instructor (CFII). As a CFI student, the pilot will be trained on the fundamentals of instruction, advanced flight maneuvers while instructing, and will become skilled at the full touch down autorotation. As a CFII student, the pilot will be trained on the skills necessary to provide instruction while operating a helicopter in simulated instrument conditions. At the successful completion of this course and the FAA required testing, pilots will be awarded certification from the FAA as Certified Flight Instructor/Instrument.

TOTAL ESTIMATED GROUND INSTRUCTION: 69

45 Classroom hours
15 One-on-one briefing hours
9 Pre-post flight instructional hours

TOTAL ESTIMATED FLIGHT INSTRUCTION: 51

47 Dual instructional hours
4 FAA Certification Check Flight

- *Please note that the times listed in the above ratings are good faith estimates based on historical student data, FAA minimums and the requirements set forth by the U.S. Customs and Immigration Service. Students may spend less or sometimes more time in training while attaining the skills and knowledge that are a necessity in the fast paced world of the professional helicopter pilot.*