Aeronautics

Airframe Maintenance Technician

Program Description
Practical and theoretical knowledge in basic maintenance techniques, plus the special requirements of airframe or airframe & powerplant work. Upon satisfactory completion of the required courses, the student is eligible to take the Federal Aviation Administration written oral and practical examination for airframe or powerplant license.

Certificate of Achievement and Associate in Science Degree
A Certificate of Achievement can be obtained upon completion of the 41-unit major. An Associate in Science Degree can be obtained upon completion of the units required for the 41-unit Airframe major and SCC General Education- Option A.

A combination Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Certificate of Achievement can be obtained upon completion of the 41-unit airframe major and 21-unit Powerplant courses. An Associate in Science Degree can be obtained upon completion of the 62-unit Airframe and Powerplant courses and SCC General Education - Option A.

The Federal Aviation administration (FAA) requires 1150 hours (four full semesters) of instruction to complete the Airframe curriculum (An additional 750 hours, two full semesters for Airframe and Powerplant). All courses in the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C or a P if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

Program Outcomes
Students who complete the Airframe Maintenance Technician or Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Certificate of Achievement/Associate Degree will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficient, entry-level aviation maintenance skills in airframe and powerplant with emphasis on aircraft engines, aircraft structures, and aircraft systems.
2. Have a working knowledge to inspect, maintain, service and repair aircraft electrical, engine (piston and turbine), airframe structure, flight control, hydraulic, pneumatic, fuel, navigation and instrument systems and other aircraft components specified by Federal Aviation Regulation Part 147.
3. Obtain the knowledge and skills to pass oral, practical and written Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examination in general and airframe/powerplant subjects.

REQUIRED COURSES ................................................ Units
AERO 055 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - General Aircraft Subjects ................... 10
AERO 102 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - Airframe Structures ......................... 10
AERO 103 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - Basic Electricity and Hydraulics .......... 10
AERO 105 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - Airframe Systems ........................... 10
AERO 118 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - FAA Airframe Test Preparation .......... 1
Required Major Total units ...................................... 41

Combined Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Required Courses
(In addition to the 41.0 Units listed above) ............. Units
AERO 106 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - Powerplant Reciprocating Engines ...... 10
AERO 107 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - Powerplant Turbine Engines .............. 10
AERO 119 Aviation Maintenance
   Technician - FAA Powerplant Test Preparation ....... 1
Required Major Total units ...................................... 21

Solano General Education ........................................ 21
Electives (as needed to reach 60 units) ...................... 0
Total Degree Units Airframe .................................. 62
Total Degree Units Airframe/Powerplant ................. 83

These programs are Gainful Employment Programs. For additional information, please visit http://www.solano.edu/gainful_employment/ and select “Aeronautics Airframe Maintenance Technician,” or “Aeronautics Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician.”
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**Powerplant Maintenance Technician**

**Program Description**
Practical and theoretical knowledge in basic maintenance techniques, plus the special requirements of either powerplant or airframe & powerplant work. Upon satisfactory completion of the required courses, the student is eligible to take the Federal Aviation Administration written, oral, and practical examination for powerplant or airframe & powerplant license.

**Certificate of Achievement and Associate in Science Degree**
A Certificate of Achievement can be obtained upon completion of the 41-unit major. An Associate in Science Degree can be obtained upon completion of the 41-unit Powerplant major and SCC General Education - Option A.

A combination Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Certificate of Achievement can be obtained upon completion of the 41-unit Powerplant major and 21-unit Airframe courses. An Associate in Science Degree can be obtained upon completion of the 62-unit Airframe and Powerplant courses and SCC General Education - Option A.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requires 1150 hours (four full semesters) of instruction to complete the Powerplant curriculum (An additional 750 hours, two full semesters for Airframe and Powerplant). All courses in the major must be completed with a minimum grade of C or a P if the course is taken on a Pass/No Pass basis.

**Program Outcomes**
Students who complete the Powerplant Maintenance Technician or Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Certificate of Achievement/Associate Degree will be able to:

1. Demonstrate proficient, entry-level aviation maintenance skills in powerplant or airframe and powerplant with emphasis on aircraft engines, aircraft structures, and aircraft systems.
2. Have a working knowledge to inspect, maintain, service and repair aircraft electrical, engine (piston and turbine), airframe structure, flight control, hydraulic, pneumatic, fuel, navigation and instrument systems and other aircraft components specified by Federal Aviation Regulation Part 147.
3. Obtain the knowledge and skills to pass oral, practical and written Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) examination in general and airframe/powerplant subjects.

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**Combined Airframe & Powerplant Maintenance Technician Certificate or Degree Required Courses**
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- Electives (as needed to reach 60 units) | 0
- **Total Degree Units Powerplant** | 62
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AERO 055
Aviation Maintenance Technician - General Aircraft Subjects
Transferable to CSU
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

Presents the fundamentals necessary for the advanced study in Aeronautics. It will define the history of aviation and powerplant operation, and the study of flight: aircraft weight and balance, ground operation and servicing, mathematics, maintenance forms and records, basic physics, maintenance publication, and mechanic privileges and limitation. Safety is stressed throughout the course. In addition, this course is a study of the methods and processes used in the production of an aircraft, including shop safety. The course includes fundamentals in the use of hand tools and power equipment, aircraft drawings, cleaning, corrosion control; and the processes used by the manufacturers for aircraft construction.

AERO 102
Aviation Maintenance Technician - Airframe Structures
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

Presents the application of fundamental methods, techniques, and practices used in aircraft inspection, maintenance, and repair. The course includes fundamentals of shop safety, wood structures, fabric covering, finishes, composite structures, plastics, sheet-metal structures, welding, assembly and rigging, and airframe inspection.

AERO 103
Aviation Maintenance Technician - Basic Electricity and Hydraulics
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

A study of fluid control systems and components with emphasis on design, maintainability, testing and system repair. The course includes the fundamentals of hydraulic fluids, fluid carrying lines and fittings, inspection, servicing and testing of pneumatic and hydraulic systems. The course also presents theory and application of direct and alternating current as related to aircraft electrical components and systems.

AERO 105
Aviation Maintenance Technician - Airframe Systems
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

A detailed study of the fundamentals of fabrication, maintenance, and repair of aircraft airframe systems. The course includes study of all basic systems which include: landing gear, hydraulic, pneumatic, cabin atmospheric control, flight instrumentation, communication, navigation, fuel storage and delivery, ice and rain detection, prevention and removal as well as fire detection and protection systems.

AERO 106
Aviation Maintenance Technician - Powerplant Reciprocating Engines
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

Designed to acquaint the student with reciprocating engines. The course includes study in the fundamentals of basic engine design, types and materials of construction, nomenclature, repair, overhaul and servicing, maintainability and reliability concepts.

AERO 107
Aviation Maintenance Technician - Powerplant Turbine Engines
Hours: 80-90 lecture, 240-270 lab

Presents a study of the theory, operation, maintenance and repair of the turbine engine and related systems. It gives the student practical “hands on” experience that will satisfy future employment and FAA requirements.

AERO 118
Aviation Maintenance Technician - FAA Airframe Test Preparation
Hours: 24-81 lab

Taken during the final semester of a student’s enrollment in the Aeronautics program. The course consists of a comprehensive oral, practical, and written examination of all material covered in the Airframe Program for the purpose of verifying the students’ readiness to pass the Federal Aviation Administration Airframe Examinations. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. This is an Open Entry/Open Exit course.
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AERO 119  
Aviation Maintenance Technician - FAA Powerplant Test Preparation  
Hours: 24-81 lab  
Taken during the final semester of a student’s enrollment in the Aeronautics program. The course consists of a comprehensive oral, practical, and written examination of all material covered in the Powerplant Program for the purpose of verifying the students readiness to pass the Federal Aviation Administration Powerplant Examinations. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. This is an Open Entry/Open Exit course.

AERO 150  
Aviation Maintenance Technician - FAA Special Projects and Course Enhancement  
Course Advisory: Any Solano College Aeronautics course (AERO 055-119); or previous training/experience in aeronautics  
Hours: 24-81 lab  
Gives Aeronautics students a chance to make up time lost for FAA certificate and/or to work on special projects required by FAA to bring students in line with new FAA FAR Part 66 requirements. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. This is an Open Entry/Open Exit course.

AERO 151  
Aviation Maintenance Technician - FAA Special Projects - Powerplant Enhancement  
Hours: 24-81 lab  
Gives Aeronautics students a chance to make up time lost for FAA certificate and/or to work on special projects required by FAA to bring students in line with new FAA FAR Part 66 requirements. Students may take this course up to the maximum number of units over multiple semesters. This is an Open Entry/Open Exit course.