

FAQ's for Helicopters:

General Q&A's

Do I need special equipment for use in a Helicopter flight course? Yes, Helicopter Flight students will need a few special aviation based equipment items. Most will be covered in the Private Pilot Kit. If not, separate purchases can be made in the aviation campus book store. Hope should help with bookstore items.

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Is there a dress code for MGC flight students? When a flight student is on the Aviation Campus there **is** a dress code. An approved polo shirt with appropriate logo can be purchased in the Aviation Campus bookstore or in the Cochran Campus bookstore and must be worn in a professional manner with a type of dress khaki or navy dress pants. Appropriate dress shoes. No tennis shoes, flip flops, sandals, shorts, cargo pants etc. will be allowed.

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When and where do I check in for my flight training activities? Most flight student schedules will be made with the student's instructor he/she is assigned to. When a student is present for a flight they must check in with the dispatcher for aircraft assignments and equipment. If the dispatcher is not present see assigned instructor.

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What happens if I get sick and cannot fly? The dispatcher or assigned instructor needs 24 hours in advance for scheduled flights to be canceled for sickness or other emergencies that would cause a missed flight. There are no-show penalties that could result in a student being charged for flight time if a student does not notify the dispatcher/instructor of a canceled flight.

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What if I want to take a few days off? We keep records of missed flights, cancelled flights, no-show flights, and asked days off. Because flight is part of MGC's course curriculum there are disciplinary actions for unexcused absences. If a student accumulates 3 unexcused flights, the student could be removed from the flight schedule.

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How often can I fly? The current flight enrollment allows about 2-3 flights a week. This is subject to instructor/aircraft availability and enrollment. Weather also is a factor when dealing with scheduling.

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When will I be assigned a flight instructor? If schedules permit, you will be assigned a flight instructor before a term begins.

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What documents will I need in order to be able to fly? When a student prepares for a flight lesson, he/she needs to bring their student pilot/second class medical certificate, a photo ID, and logbook.

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Can I rent MGC aircraft? We currently do not rent aircraft to the public. We are required to stay with the assigned courses the students are enrolled in.

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How do low time helicopter pilots get flight experience?
Flight instruction is the most common way to build flight experience.

Medical Q & A's

Will I need a medical certificate in order to fly?

Yes, in order to start flight training at Middle Georgia College you must get a medical certificate from a certified Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) See below for a link to a list of Aviation Medical Examiners.

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What class medical do I need in order to be able to fly at MGC?

Current 1st or 2nd class, because they drop down in class over time.

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Why is a 3rd class medical not good enough at MGC?

When you decide to do your training at Middle Georgia College we know that your goal is to become a Commercial Pilot. To be a Commercial Pilot the FAA requires that you have a 2nd class medical. To fly for an airline in the future you must have a 1st class medical. MGC wants to ensure that you meet the requirements to be a commercial pilot before you begin any of your flight training.

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Where can I find a list of Aviation Medical Examiners (AME's)?

<http://www.faa.gov/pilots/amelocator/>

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Can I get my FAA medical in my own country (outside the United States)?

Yes, this web site lists Aviation Medical Examiners (AME) by country.

<http://www.faa.gov/pilot/amelocator/>

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Is 20/20 vision a requirement for flight?

No, but it must be correctable to 20/20. Your medical will list any restrictions regarding flight.

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What if I am color blind, can I get an FAA Medical?

Yes, you will need to call the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) office and request a Signal Light Test. They will set up an appointment for you to go to the nearest testing facility. The test requires that you identify different color lights from 1000 to 1500 feet away. The phone number to the CAMI Office is (405) 954-4821.

Costs and Payments Q & A's

How will I pay for flight instruction? A student who enrolls in the flight school program has to be aware of the flight cost. Students will be required to open a flight account. Currently HOPE/PELL will NOT cover flight fees. Most students must seek other loan opportunities to pay for the corresponding flight class they are enrolled in.

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What is a FLIGHT Account?

The Flight account is a prepaid debit account. Funds in this account are only accessible at the Flight Line Payment Station to pay for flight activities. Students may make flight deposits in the business office at the Eastman campus.

Course Information Q & A's

Who do I talk to about getting college credit for the flight ratings that I have accomplished before coming to MGC?

Dr. Julie M. Clark, Chair for Division of Aviation Management and Business. Her office is located in Peacock Hall Room 8A. Make an appointment to meet with Dr. Clark. Bring to the meeting a copy of all FAA certificates and current medical. Appointments can be made by calling Valerie Pennington 478-934-3130.

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What if I already have my Private before starting at MGC?

You will start your flight training at MGC in our instrument course. Make an appointment to meet with Dr. Clark. Bring to the meeting a copy of all FAA certificates and current medical. Appointments can be made by calling Valerie Pennington 478-934-3130.

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What if I have 10 or more hours of flight time before beginning at MGC?

All prior training under Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) part 61 will transfer.

Does all my flight time have to be in Helicopters?

No, some flight time (airplane, glider, and etc.) will count toward helicopter ratings. The chief helicopter pilot can help you make this determination.

What ratings does MGC offer for helicopters?

MGC offers Recreational, Private, Instrument, Commercial, Certified Flight Instructor, Certified Instrument Flight Instructor, and Airline Transport Pilot.

Will classes interfere with my flying?

No, since you will be signing up for a three-day-a-week flight block, your registration for a flight block will be done when you register for traditional classroom classes.

What if I do not finish my flight course during the semester? A student will be assigned a grade of "I" (incomplete) for a flight course for the next full term. Once an Incomplete is assigned the student has one year to complete the Incomplete. Once an Incomplete is assigned there is no need to sign up for that course again as long as the course is completed and the grade is changed within a year.

What should I do after I complete a flight course? After completion of a flight course, unless it's the final one, most students begin the next one immediately.

Will I be able to take my FAA Written Exam at MGC? Currently all FAA Written exams are available at the Aviation Campus in Eastman, Ga. To Schedule an FAA Written exam please contact Tammy Haynes 478-448-1052

How much will the FAA Written Exam cost? \$100.00 for each exam taken

Aircraft and Airspace Q & A's

What type of aircraft do MGC students fly? MGC operates 7 Piper Warriors, 3 Piper Arrows, 2 Piper Seminoles, 2 Schweizer 300CBi Helicopters, and 1 Citabria

tailwheel aircraft. These aircraft are housed at the Georgia Aviation Campus where all flight training takes place.

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Safety and Security Procedures Q & A's

Do I have a responsibility for safety?

Yes! Everyone involved in the flight-training program is responsible for reporting safety-related situations such as hazards or events, and unsafe behaviors. Likewise, everyone involved in the flight-training program is authorized to take immediate action to prevent an accident or unsafe situation from occurring. You will learn more about our safety and security procedures once you begin your flight training program here at MGC.

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Is MGC required to have a Security Program?

Yes! Middle Georgia College is required to have a TSA-approved security program in order to meet the requirements of 49 CFR 1542.113, Airport Tenant Security Programs.