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## NOTE FROM THE GLOBAL CHAIRMAN CAPTAIN WISSAM MEHYOU



As we move into October, it's great to reflect on the successful start of our new course intake this September across the UAE, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Greece. Welcoming students from diverse backgrounds into our academy marks an exciting chapter in our mission to provide world-class aviation education and training.

Seeing our classrooms and training facilities come alive with ambition, curiosity, and dedication is a reminder of why we do what we do. To all our new students, I extend a warm welcome, this is your moment to learn, grow, and prepare for a future in the dynamic world of aviation.

At our academy, we are committed to equipping every student with the skills, knowledge, and experience to soar to new heights. I am confident that this intake will shape the next generation of aviation leaders and innovators.

Captain Wissam Mehyou,  
Global Chairman, Intercontinental Aviation Academy

## ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

### FlyIAA Lebanon

The Intercontinental Aviation Academy Lebanon welcomed its Phoenix Lebanon 20 batch on Monday, September 22, 2025, marking the start of a new chapter in aviation excellence. The day began with a vibrant induction ceremony, where cadets were formally introduced to the academy's values, training standards, and global vision. Faculty members guided students through their upcoming curriculum and shared insights about the journey from classroom training to flying in the skies.

Following the induction, classes officially commenced, immersing the cadets in both theoretical and practical training. The event fostered a sense of community among students and instructors, setting the tone for a rigorous yet rewarding aviation journey. Phoenix Lebanon 20 represents not just the academy's continued growth, but also its unwavering commitment to developing the next generation of professional pilots.





## ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

### FlyIAA Cyprus

September 2025 marked a special milestone for FlyIAA Cyprus, as the academy celebrated its one-year anniversary. The academy has set a strong foundation for its reputation as a premier aviation training hub in Europe.

On Friday, September 19, 2025, the Phoenix Cyprus 04 batch kicked off its training with an exciting induction day. The ceremony welcomed cadets from diverse backgrounds into the academy's close-knit aviation family, introducing them to instructors, training facilities, and the detailed curriculum that awaits them.

This fourth intake is particularly remarkable, not only for its timing alongside the anniversary celebrations but also as a testament to **FlyIAA** Cyprus's rapid growth and the high demand for its world-class pilot training programs. The induction day emphasized the academy's core values of excellence, teamwork, and discipline, motivating students to embrace the challenges ahead and pursue ambitious global aviation careers.

The launch of Phoenix Cyprus 04, alongside the one-year milestone, highlights a year of extraordinary achievement and sets the stage for continued success in developing the next generation of professional pilots.

## ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

### FlyIAA United Arab Emirates

The UAE branch of **FlyIAA** marked the beginning of a new intake with its induction day on Sunday, September 21, 2025. The ceremony took place under the blessing and presence of His Highness Sheikh Salem Bin Sultan Al Qasimi, who expressed his support for the Academy's role in shaping the future of aviation in the region.

Students, parents, and faculty gathered to celebrate the start of a journey toward aviation excellence. Distinguished leaders and industry pioneers, partners, and board members joined the event, whose presence elevated the launch into a landmark occasion. The event featured welcoming speeches, an overview of FlyIAA's mission in the Middle East, and a detailed introduction to the training program.



## ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

### FlyIAA Iraq

FlyIAA Iraq made a leap this September by entering into a partnership with the American University of Iraq – Baghdad (AUIB). This partnership introduces an aviation education pathway in Iraq, beginning with the Fundamentals of Aviation program under AUIB's Center of Excellence for Innovation and Development (CEID).

The signing ceremony was held on September 24 at AUIB's Baghdad campus. The event underscored the strategic vision of integrating higher education with professional aviation training to empower the next generation of Iraqi aviation leaders.

Through this partnership, students will graduate with dual qualifications, a university diploma from AUIB and a professional pilot certificate from **FlyIAA**. Graduates will also gain direct access to **FlyIAA's** advanced training academies in the UAE, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Greece, creating a seamless pathway from classroom learning to professional pilot licensing and global aviation careers.



## ACADEMY NEWS & MILESTONES

### FlyIAA Global

FlyIAA appointed Global Aviation Expert Issam Sultan as Executive Board Member and Non-Executive Chairman for Middle Eastern Operations. His leadership will guide the academy's Vision 2030 Training Strategy, strengthening governance and supporting multi-country expansion across Europe and the Middle East.

The combination of franchise expansion, university partnerships, and strategic leadership demonstrates **FlyIAA's** commitment to shaping the future of aviation in Iraq and the broader Middle East.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



### **FlyIAA Cyprus is proud to shine the spotlight on two of our dedicated cadets, Dimitri and Karim**

as they enter the final phase of their journey toward becoming professional airline pilots. Having successfully progressed through their training with focus and determination, they have now embarked on their CPL Multi-Engine Instrument Rating training—one of the most challenging yet rewarding stages of their program. This milestone marks the last stretch before earning their EASA Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL), the gold standard in aviation qualifications.

Dimitri and Karim's progress is a true testament to their perseverance, discipline, and passion for aviation. From their very first flights to now mastering complex multi-engine procedures under instrument conditions, they have consistently demonstrated the skill and mindset of future airline captains. Their achievements not only highlight their personal commitment but also reflect the high standards of training at **FlyIAA** Cyprus. We celebrate their hard work and look forward to the day they graduate as licensed airline pilots, ready to take on the skies with confidence.



## INSTRUCTOR INSIGHTS



Alharath Bin Sama  
Instructor & Head of Students Experience

### Why You Should Study Beyond the Exam

Many students study PPL theory just to “pass the exam.” But real pilots don’t fly by memorization.

Understanding topics like metar decoding, weight & balance, or airspace classes helps you make better decisions in the air — not just pass a multiple-choice test.

Your decisions up there are not graded... they’re measured in safety.

So, next time you open your books, don’t ask: “Will this be on the test?”  
Ask: “Will this help me be a better pilot?”

**Instructor insight:** The best pilots are curious students forever no matter how many hours they log.

## FLIGHT SCIENCE & INNOVATION

The future of flight is electric, and Honeywell is enabling this sustainable future with integrated propulsion systems that make aviation safer, quieter, more efficient, and greener.

With more than 50 years of experience in propulsion, auxiliary power, power generation, and power controls, Honeywell has the capability to design and develop a broad range of state-of-the-art solutions across the entire propulsion system, including turbogenerators necessary to turn mechanical power into electricity, power distribution to move high voltages throughout the aircraft and deliver it to electric propulsion units (EPU). The EPU then converts electricity into mechanical power, which turns fans and rotors and allows for propulsion.

Our new 1-Megawatt generator will be combined with the Honeywell HGT1700 auxiliary power unit (APU), currently flown on every Airbus A350 XWB, to provide customers a megawatt-class turbogenerator. In addition to conventional jet fuel and diesel, this product will be able to run on aviation biofuel, including Honeywell Green Jet Fuel, which is chemically similar to fossil fuel but made from more sustainable alternatives.

As battery technology matures, electric and hybrid-electric aircraft can also use a combination of batteries and fuel cells to power the aircraft. Hydrogen fuel cells are the latest addition to Honeywell's growing portfolio of power systems that improve the safety and efficiency of aircraft. In fact, Honeywell hydrogen fuel cells are already being used to create power for smaller Class I and Class II UAS (Uncrewed Aerial Systems) platforms.

Our proton exchange membrane fuel cells run up to three times longer than equivalent batteries and are five times more reliable than small engines. They work silently and emit no greenhouse gases. And, unlike batteries that need to be recharged, hydrogen fuel cells can be refueled in seconds.

**Source :** <https://aerospace.honeywell.com/>

## INDUSTRY TRENDS & GLOBAL AVIATION OUTLOOK

**Can you dive deeper than you did yesterday about what today's technology can do to improve airline operations?**

Many airlines have legacy systems that date back to the early 2000s. Since then, data integration and artificial intelligence (AI) have changed the landscape, making this the right time to invest in this type of technology, as we've made enough advancements that it has become worthwhile – and offers airlines a competitive advantage.

Our solution, Flightscape – Powered by CAE, provides a fully integrated system with the very latest technology to help airlines get better margins and operate efficiently. Since entering the airline operations market three years ago, CAE has invested significantly in the business: in growing the offering, developing innovative products, enhancing customer service, forging new partnerships and improving processes and technology.

Flightscape integrates real-time data across systems, including flight status, crew availability, airport resources, and even weather or air traffic control alerts. It emerges as a single, synchronized view of evolving conditions for everyone involved in day-of-operations, from dispatchers to Operations Control Centre (OCC) leadership. It not only forecasts and simulates disruption scenarios but automatically updates tasks, prioritizes actions, and issues alerts —keeping the entire OCC aligned and agile.

This isn't just theoretical. Many of our customers are already seeing results, reporting enhanced cost-effectiveness, quicker decision-making, and improved readiness for disruption recovery.

**Source:** <https://airlines.iata.org/>



## FEATURED ARTICLE

### **Skip the Degree – by Issam Sultan**

The traditional route to becoming a pilot, which involves attending college and then flight school, wastes €100,000 and four years. Airlines need skilled pilots with flight hours and good training, not degrees. **FlyIAA** graduates start working at age 20, making money while college students accrue debt. Direct-path pilots with ten years of experience are €330,000 more experienced than those with six by the age of thirty. There are opportunities now that won't last forever because of the structural pilot shortage. Seniority is lost for each month that is postponed. The decision is between relevant training now and costly delays that will not advance your flying career, not between education and aviation.

*Visit the following link to read the full article.*



## WORLD AVIATION NEWS

### Aviation Training Soars as Emirates and FlyIAA Expand Opportunities in Dubai

Emirates is on a massive hiring spree, backed by a bold investment in the future of aviation. The airline recently unveiled its brand-new \$135 million crew training center in Dubai, a state-of-the-art hub that will boost pilot training capacity by 54%. This expansion comes at a crucial moment, as global airlines compete to attract and train the next generation of pilots and aviation professionals.

But Emirates isn't alone in this mission. Intercontinental Aviation Academy (**FlyIAA**) is also scaling up to meet the surge in demand. With courses filling up faster than ever, **FlyIAA** is quickly becoming a preferred choice for aspiring pilots worldwide. Its training programs are designed to match the pace of industry growth, ensuring graduates are ready to step directly into the cockpits of leading airlines.

Both Emirates and **FlyIAA** are headquartered in Dubai, the world's leading aviation hub. The city has positioned itself not just as a global travel gateway, but also as a talent engine for the aviation sector. With billions being invested in infrastructure, training, and recruitment, Dubai is cementing its role as the go-to destination for aviation careers.

For students and investors alike, the message is clear: aviation training is no longer optional, it's essential. As airlines expand fleets and routes, the real challenge isn't attracting passengers, but ensuring there are enough skilled pilots and crew to fly them safely across the globe. Organizations like Emirates and **FlyIAA** are stepping up, showing that the key to solving the global pilot shortage lies in education, innovation, and investment.

# FLYIAA COURSE

## **FlyIAA's AB Initio EASA ATPL Integrated Program**

For many, becoming an airline pilot is more than a career choice. It's a lifelong dream. At Intercontinental Aviation Academy (FlyIAA), that dream is transformed into a structured, achievable path through our flagship AB Initio EASA ATPL Integrated Program.

Designed for aspiring aviators with little to no prior flight experience, this program is a complete, all-inclusive journey that takes students from the classroom to the cockpit, culminating in a frozen Airline Transport Pilot License (ATPL) and full professional pilot qualifications.

## **Why Choose This Program?**

Unlike modular training that requires separate enrollments for each stage, the integrated program offers a streamlined, airline-focused progression. Every element is purpose-built to prepare students for the realities of modern airline operations, from technical knowledge to decision-making in high-pressure environments.

By the end of the course, students graduate with:

- A frozen ATPL (ready to be unfrozen once flight-hour requirements are met).
- Commercial Pilot Licence (CPL).
- Instrument Rating (IR).
- Multi-Engine Piston (MEP) rating.
- Performance-Based Navigation (PBN) approval.
- APS-MCC (Airline Pilot Standard Multi-Crew Cooperation).
- Advanced UPRT (Upset Prevention and Recovery Training).
- 750 hours of ATPL theory knowledge training.
- 220 hours of total flight training.



## FLYIAA COURSE

### What You'll Learn

- Theoretical Knowledge:** 750 hours of intensive ATPL theory across navigation, meteorology, systems, performance, and more.
- Flight Training:** 220 flight hours in single and multi-engine aircraft, plus simulator sessions.
- Airline Competencies:** Development of both technical and non-technical skills, ensuring students can handle cockpit operations, communication, leadership, and crew resource management.
- Career Preparation:** Dedicated preparation for airline entry assessments and selection processes.

### Where You Can Train

FlyIAA delivers this program across its international training bases in the UAE, Lebanon, Cyprus, Greece, Iraq, and KSA. With such a wide-reaching presence, students gain the opportunity to train in diverse airspace environments, an experience that not only enhances their adaptability but also provides valuable international exposure.

# FLYIAA COURSE

## Who Can Apply?

To join the next intake, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age: 17 years old at application.
- High school graduate (or international equivalent).
- Fluent in English (verbal and written) – ICAO Level 4 minimum for non-native speakers.
- EASA Class 1 Medical Certificate.
- Clean Criminal Record Check.
- Successful completion of the CAFA Aviation Selection Process, which includes:
  - Computer-based aptitude testing.
  - Personality and suitability assessments.

## Your Path to the Flight Deck

Choosing the AB Initio ATPL Integrated Program means choosing a direct pathway to the airline cockpit. With structured training, world-class instructors, and access to multiple international bases, FlyIAA equips its graduates with the skills, confidence, and qualifications required to step straight into the aviation industry.

For those who dream of wearing the captain's stripes, this is where the journey begins.



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

### **University vs. Flight Academy – Which Path Should I Choose to Become a Pilot?**

**Q:** Should I pursue a university aviation degree or enroll directly in a flight academy to become a professional pilot?

**A:** Both paths can lead to a pilot career, but they serve different purposes.

**University aviation programs** combine academic knowledge with some flight training, often taking 3–4 years. They are ideal for students who want a broader education, including aviation management, engineering, or research opportunities, alongside pilot training.

**Flight academies** focus intensively on hands-on pilot training, preparing students to obtain their licenses faster and enter the workforce sooner. Academies provide structured, practical experience, advanced simulators, and direct pathways to commercial airlines.

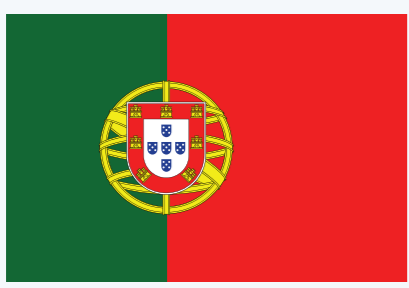
Many aspiring pilots choose a hybrid approach: completing a university degree while training at an accredited flight academy, gaining both theoretical knowledge and practical flying experience to enhance career prospects.

**VIDEO  
FEATURE**





## UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS



World Aviation Festival  
Lisbon, Portugal  
October 7–9, 2025

One of the world's largest gatherings for airline and airport leaders, the festival focuses on innovation, sustainability, and the future of air travel



Najah Expo  
Dubai, UAE  
October 5, 2025

The region's leading education and career fair, connecting students with global universities and training institutions.



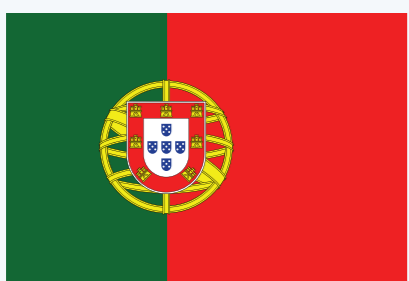
Najah Expo  
Abu Dhabi, UAE  
October 19, 2025

Explore 100+ global universities at Najah Abu Dhabi 2025, 19–21 October at ADNEC — your gateway to study options, expert advice, and scholarships.



FlyIAA Lebanon Open Day  
Lebanon / Phoenicia Beirut  
November 8, 2025

Join us at FlyIAA Lebanon Open Day to explore our programs and discover what it takes to become a professional airline pilot.



EATS Aviation  
Cascais, Portugal  
November 5–6, 2025

The European Airline Training Symposium brings together aviation training professionals to share best practices and advancements in pilot and crew training.



Dubai Airshow  
Dubai, UAE  
November 17, 2025

One of the world's premier aviation events, showcasing aerospace innovation, defense technologies, and global networking opportunities. Learn more



Sand & Fun  
Al Thumamah Airport / Saudi Arabia  
November 25–29, 2025

Organized by the Saudi Aviation Club, this flagship aviation event highlights general aviation with thrilling aerial displays, exhibitions, and family activities.



FlyIAA UAE Open Day  
UAE  
November 23, 2025

Join us at FlyIAA UAE Open Day and discover our programs, designed to take aspiring pilots from zero experience to licensed aviators.



## RESOURCES & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Join the FlyIAA Team!

FlyIAA is looking for Ground and Flight Instructors to join our international training bases across Europe and the Middle East.

If you're passionate about aviation and inspiring the next generation of pilots, this is your opportunity to make an impact while working in a dynamic, global training environment.



Theoretical  
Knowledge Instructor  
Various Aircraft  
(Qatar | Doha)



First Officer  
Various Business Jet  
(Qatar | Doha)



First Officer  
A320  
(Dammam | KSA)



Flight Instructor  
SR-20/22  
(UAE | Dubai)



First Officer  
Global Express  
(UAE | Dubai)

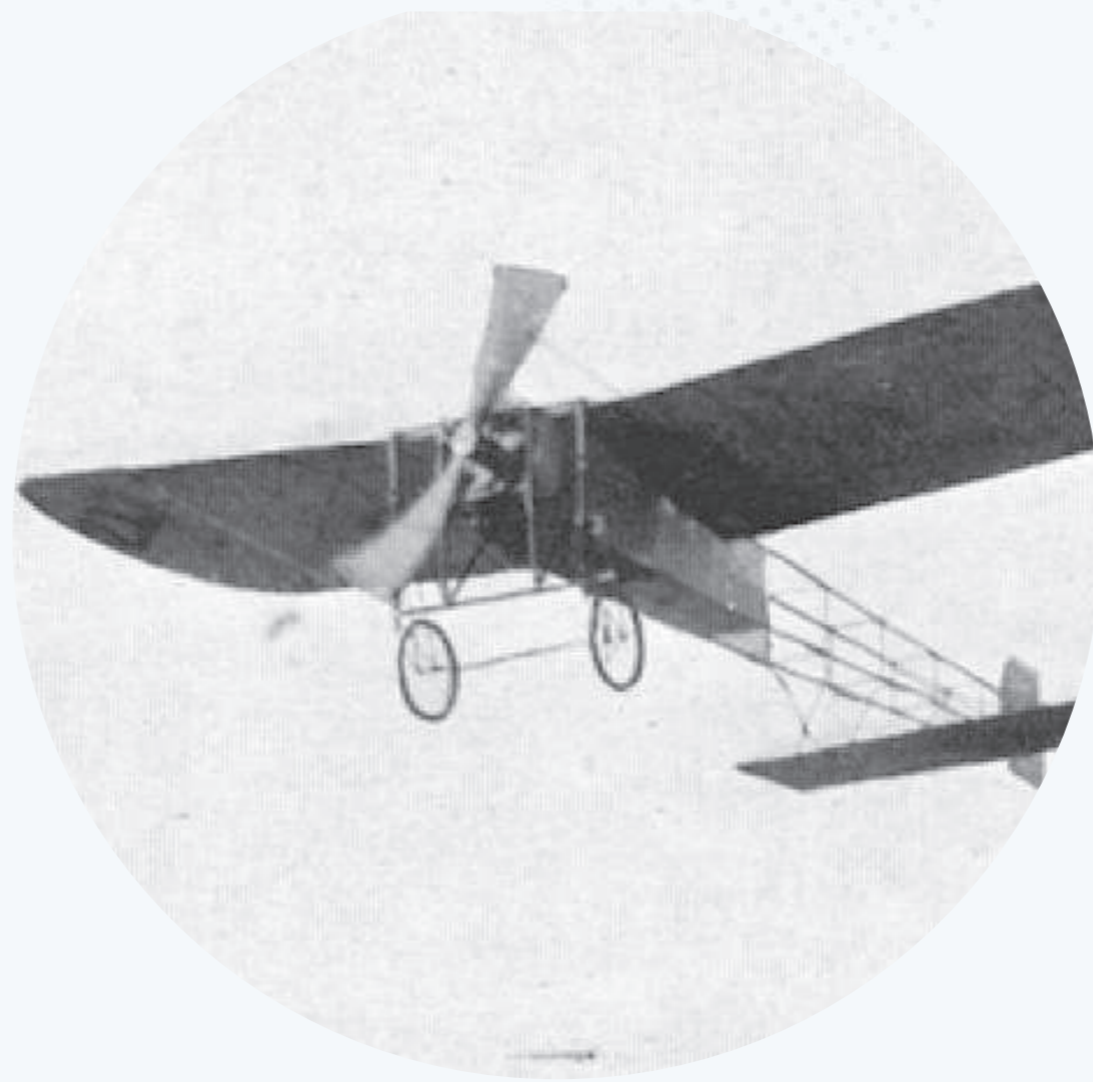


flight instructor  
FlyIAA  
(Europe & Middle East)

For more information, visit  
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## QUOTE OF THE MONTH



“Flying is a constant reminder that with determination and perseverance, we can overcome any obstacle”

Unattributed



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