The Airbus Flight Academy Europe, a wholly owned subsidiary of Airbus, is the result of the merger of 15 years of experience in supporting the French Air Force and Navy flight schools, and 50 years of Airbus experience in training airline pilots.

We believe that being a commercial airline pilot is more than just having a «stamped licence», the Airbus Pilot Cadet Training Programme is dedicated to instilling the technical skills and airmanship that airlines expect from their pilots.

This Airbus standard for pilot training is based on a coherent & demanding set of latest standards that place our Cadets at the centre of everything we do.

Highly experienced instructors, high quality aircraft and simulators, spacious facilities, in-house aircraft maintenance by specialised technicians, and dedicated staff are the main levers that enable us to deliver the Airbus Pilot Cadet Training programme in the best conditions with uncompromised quality.

Being trained as an airline pilot at Airbus Flight Academy Europe will allow you to embrace the world of aviation through the front door, the door of excellence, the Airbus door.

Jean Longobardi, CEO
Is flying your dream?
Let us open the sky to you!

100% subsidiary of Airbus, Airbus Flight Academy Europe provides each student with the best training conditions and uncompromised quality.

A story of excellence
Created in 2006 to support the French Air Force and French Navy pilot schools for elementary, basic and advanced pilot training, we have built a strong experience, not only in flight training but also in aircraft maintenance, performed in-house by specialised technicians.

Highly experienced instructors
Our instructors are training experts, selected among the best and standardized to Airbus training methods.

Modern fleet and high-technology of training assets
Our fully owned fleet comprises both single (Cirrus SR20, Elixir) and multi-engine aircraft (Diamond DA42 Vl) with the latest full glass cockpit technology and IFR rated to prepare cadets for airline aircraft.

Our latest generation flight simulators allow students a smooth familiarisation in realistic environment on all the technical aspects of the aircraft.
An attractive training environment

Based in Angoulême, Airbus Flight Academy Europe benefits from spacious facilities, a large airspace and the proximity to other airports to enhance your training experience diversity.

It is a charming city, close to Bordeaux, La Rochelle, the Atlantic Ocean and 2 hours to Paris by high speed train.

Pleasant weather conditions and moderate cost of living: you will enjoy the Charente and its Aquitaine Region!
Airbus Pilot Cadet Training Programme

Your boarding pass to the future!

As part of the Airbus Flight Academy Network, Airbus Flight Academy Europe is the first flight school to deliver the Airbus Pilot Cadet Training Programme in Europe.

Open to students worldwide, it allows someone with no flying experience, to become an ‘operationally-ready’ pilot.

The Airbus programme provides an EASA based integrated Airline Training Pilot (ATPl) with a harmonised curriculum from beginning to end. It incorporates the latest training concepts, in particular Competency-Based Training & Assessment (CBTA) and the worldwide Airbus Flight Training Reference (AFTR) based on international regulations, to provide each cadet with the highest quality in training.

**Courses Location**

- **Initial phase:** Core phase, the ATPl* theory classroom training & the CPL/IR/ME** (ground & flight training) are performed at Airbus Flight Academy Europe in Angoulême.
- **Jet Orientation Course & Multi Crew Cooperation (JOC/MCC) courses** are performed in the EASA approved Airbus Training Centre in Toulouse.

*ATPL: Airline Transport Pilot Licence  
**CPL/IR/ME: Commercial Pilot Licence / Instrument Rating / Multi-Engine
Join us!

Pre-requisites
- Minimum 18 years of age
- High school diploma (including mathematics)
- English (equivalent to ICAO) Level 3
- Medical Class 1 (only required after the on-site screening)

Assessment steps

Step 1
Online
The online preliminary assessment consists of measuring your physical and cognitive skills, mathematical, English aptitudes and situational awareness (approx. 20 minutes duration).

Step 2
Onsite
Successfully passed the online phase? Then you will be invited on site to attend a further 1 day assessment which includes: aptitude & personality test, group exercises, interview in English & a simulator evaluation.

Step 3
Welcome!
Congratulations, you have successfully completed the Airbus screening assessment process! You will join the programme as a Cadet, starting with the Core course, to prepare you for the Pilot Confirmation Assessment. After about 60 hours of ground training and 18 flight hours, a last in-flight hour evaluation will assess your potential to officially become an Airbus Cadet.

Funding
Airbus Flight Academy Europe has developed partnerships with local banks to help applicants with students loans. For the non-french applicants, the easiest way is to contact your national (own country’s) banks and study the loan possibilities. Do not hesitate to contact us for more information, we are here to support you.

Passport Visa
Non EU citizen trainees will have to ask for a long term visa to be able to do the training in Angoulême (France). In order to get it, we will provide you a certificate before you are joining our school. The visa demand shall be initiated by the cadet to the French diplomatic authorities in the cadet’s country.

Accommodation
We can help you finding accommodation in and around Angoulême, small apartments (+ studios) or rooms in shared houses.
The average rent for the accommodation in our area is approximately 400 € per month.

Airbus Pilot Cadet experiences

Zoé, France
"It was challenging but such an amazing experience. As a woman, gender has never made any difference. Supported by my instructors and classmates, the strong group cohesion that had grown definitely contributed to our success. When I fly, I feel free and happy. But I also like outdoor sports, hiking, surfing or playing volleyball. The proximity of the flight school to the ocean was a good opportunity to share my passions and create unforgettable souvenirs together. I am very grateful and hope to see all of them soon in the air."

Constantin, Bulgaria
"My two years of training here are coming to an end and what two years they have been! From the core course to the instrument rating, there has never been a dull moment. Two years ago I entered the school knowing little to nothing about what it is to be a pilot and now I leave with a new set of competencies, habits and attitudes that will take me far in the aviation world. This wouldn’t have been possible without my instructors, whether it be on the ground or in the air. They have consistently shown high levels of passion for teaching and have always strived to instill in us the right mindsets and philosophies regarding the safe operation of an aircraft. I would like to thank everyone at Airbus Flight Academy Europe for their continuous support and for believing in me!"

Yi Ta, Taiwan
"I’m so glad that I chose to complete my ab-initio training with the Airbus Pilot Cadet Programme. Graduating from AFGE signifies the end of my initial training and a new start for my future career. I would like to thank all Airbus Flight Academy Europe staff for providing such an engaging and supportive training environment - especially for the international cadets like me! As we are being trained under EASA regulations, we undergo 14 ATPL theoretical subjects. The interaction between the pilot cadets and the instructors is so inspiring, we hear cockpit stories from different backgrounds, which greatly broadens our view and enhances learning efficiency. The aircraft used for the physical flight training are just amazing (full glass-cockpit fleet). The data fusion in the cockpit is incredibly impressive. The highly experienced instructors were so helpful. I’m so proud to be an Airbus trained pilot!"