

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Cost Sheet

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Degree Option Costs

The uncrewed aircraft systems flight and operations degree option is a bachelor’s degree with three degree tracks to choose from. Two track options do not require a medical certificate of manned flight hours. Tuition is figured based on the 120 credit hours required for completion.

Choose
Your Track 

Data Analytics

Combine the technical aspects of drone operations with skills in analyzing the data they collect.

Composites

Learn the capabilities, properties and applications of composites to enhance the performance, durability and efficiency of UAS.

Advanced Air Mobility

Integrate the operation of next-generation drone technologies and air transportation systems. Manned flight ratings required.

KANSAS IN-STATE* estimated total costs

Tuition.....	\$37,914
Written exams (2)	\$350
Additional costs	\$4,180
<i>AAM track requirement:</i>	
Manned flight costs.....	\$55,102.50

Without manned flight costs:

Bachelor’s Degree Total..... \$42,444

With manned flight costs:

Bachelor’s Degree Total..... \$97,546.50

OUT-OF-STATE* estimated total costs

Tuition.....	\$102,172
Written exams (2)	\$350
Additional costs	\$4,180
<i>AAM track requirement:</i>	
Manned flight costs.....	\$55,102.50

Without manned flight costs:

Bachelor’s Degree Total..... \$106,702

With manned flight costs:

Bachelor’s Degree Total..... \$161,804.50

Uncrewed Aircraft Systems Costs Breakdown

ADDITIONAL COSTS** (Required for degree. Approximate values)

AMA & Smoky Hill Membership.....	\$156
Books (avg. for 8 semesters)	\$4,024

**Additional lab fees in the range of \$4,000-\$5,000 may apply depending on program track and electives chosen. For more detailed information on course fees visit salina.k-state.edu/admissions/tuition-scholarships-financial-aid/tuition-fees.

MANNED FLIGHT COSTS (Advanced Air Mobility track only)

Basic headset	\$500
Flight physical.....	\$100
Flight uniforms (5).....	\$500
Apple iPad.....	\$600
Flight Exam**	\$3,000
Written Exams (3)	\$525

MANNED FLIGHT COSTS CONTINUED

Rating:	Approx. Hours:	Est. Cost:
Private pilot	44.5	\$12,429.50
Instrument pilot.....	39.5	\$9,842.50
Commercial pilot I.....	70	\$15,560
Commercial pilot II.....	51.5	\$12,045.50

In K-State Salina’s FAA-141 approved flight curriculum, you can earn your private pilot, instrument pilot and commercial pilot ratings in as little as 190 flight hours instead of the 250 hours required at non-approved schools.

** Designated Pilot Examiner (DPE) costs during flight exams must be paid for by the student. Costs will not deduct from a flight account.

Why K-State Salina Uncrewed Aircraft Systems?

- **SETTING THE INDUSTRY STANDARD:** Our program has been selected to contribute to numerous research projects that set the standard in rules and regulations, applications and technology within the industry. As a student, you have the opportunity to work with entities like the Bureau of Land Management, the FAA and more!
- **A PROGRAM OF FIRSTS:** K-State Salina has a reputation in the UAS industry as a leader and innovator. Our program has been awarded a series of firsts with the FAA: the first entity in the nation to receive statewide flying access; a member of the first FAA Center for Excellence for UAS; and the first entity in the country approved for commercial flying.
- **THE K-STATE SALINA DIFFERENCE:** Kansas State Salina prides itself on offering a personalized, hands-on approach to education. In our UAS program students experience learning on and piloting a diverse fleet of aircraft, not just training via simulation. Gain practical knowledge in the field and experience positions within a UAS crew such as launch and recovery, sensor operator, pilot in command, mission commander and safety officer.

Questions? Contact:

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**Costs are based on the 2024-25 tuition rates for required courses at 15 undergraduate credit hours per semester, student service and course fees may apply. Housing not included. VA benefits approved. Prices subject to change, for more information about financial aid, loans and scholarships please reach out to our financial aid representative at 785-826-2638.*