



INSTRUMENT RATING COURSE

Instrument Rating Overview

The Instrument Rating will permit you to operate a single-engine airplane in the environment of instrument flight rules (IFR). While most flying is done on top of cloud layers, in blue skies and sunshine, the instrument pilot is prepared for flight in the clouds from take-off to the touchdown.

Pilot Requirements and Flight Experience

To qualify for an Instrument Rating, students must hold at least a Private Pilot certificate and complete at least 40 hours of actual or simulated instrument time. Those hours must include at least 15 hours with a Certified Flight Instructor-Instrument. Additionally, 50 hours of Pilot-in-Command (PIC) cross country time must be completed to be eligible for the FAA Practical Exam.

Training Timeline

The Instrument Rating Course offered by Jefferson City Flying Service can be completed in as little as 45 days. Many students complete the program at a comfortable pace in about 5 months, or 21 weeks. There is no time restriction, so your training schedule can be adjusted to fit your availability and progress.

Estimated Course Basis

FAA Part 61 minimums require 40 flight hours; however, this estimate is based on a national average of 45 flight hours. Each student completes the course based on individual skill development, proficiency, and training pace. The cost list below provides an approximate estimate for earning an Instrument Rating, and Jefferson City Flying Service can help you understand expected costs before and during your training.

Estimated Costs

Item	Rate / Quantity	Estimated Cost
Piper PA-28 Warrior aircraft rental	45 flight hours at \$175.00 per flight hour	\$7,875
Flight instruction time	45 hours at \$65.00 per hour	\$2,925
Gleim Instrument Pilot Kit	Course materials	\$225
Written test fee	Paid to testing center	\$175
Final flight test fee	Paid to FAA examiner; average cost	\$700
Total estimated cost		\$11,900

Additional Notes

- Sales tax is charged for airplane rental and materials only and is not figured into the estimated cost.
- Payments can be made using cash, check, or credit card.
- Payments may be made after each lesson or deducted from an account paid in advance.
- Average lessons are approximately 2.0 hours.

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