

Delta State University 2026-2027 Aviation Cost Estimate

Course	FAA Written*	FAA Check Ride	FTD	Ground Instruction	Flight Instruction	Aircraft Rental	Estimated Course Cost
CAV 251	\$175	N/A	3.2 hours @ \$95.00 \$320	39.8 hours @ \$60.00 \$2388	37.0 hours @ \$60 \$2220	42.2 hours @ \$170 \$7174 or 42.2 hours @ \$145 \$6119	\$12,277.00 C172 or \$11,222.00 C152
CAV 353/354	\$175	N/A	13.8 hours @ \$100.00 \$1380	30.0 hours @ \$60.00 \$1800	54.8 hours @ \$60.00 \$3288	41.0 hours @ \$205 \$8405	\$15,084.00
CAV 355	\$175	*\$600 1.5 hours C172 @ \$185 \$277.50	11.7 hours @ \$100.00 \$1170	30.1 hours @ \$60.00 \$1806	50.3 hours @ \$60.00 \$3018	16.1 hours SR20 @ \$265 \$4266.5 42.4 Hours C172 @ \$190 \$8056	\$19,369.00
CAV 363	N/A	N/A	9.9 hours @ \$100.00 \$990	15.0 hours @ \$60.00 \$900	30.7 hours @ \$60 \$1842	20.8 hours DA42 @ \$315 \$6552	\$10,284.00
CAV 361	2 @ \$175 \$350	*\$800 1.5 hours C172 @ \$185 \$277.50	3.6 hours @ \$100.00 \$360	45.5 hours @ \$60.00 \$2730	19.3 hours @ \$60.00 \$1158	6.0 hours DA42 @ \$315 \$1890 12.1 hours Single @ \$190 \$2299	\$9,864.50
CAV 390	\$175	*\$600 1.5 hours SR20 @ \$260 \$390.00	N/A	16.0 hours @ \$60.00 \$960	15.2 hours @ \$60.00 \$912	15.2 hours @ \$265 \$4028	\$7,065.00
MEI Add-On (Part 61)	N/A	*\$600 1.5 hours DA42 @ \$315 \$465	N/A	4.0 hours @ \$60.00 \$240	4.8 hours @ \$60.00 \$288	4.8 hours @ \$315 \$1512	\$3,105.00
Total (CAV 251 C172)							\$77,048.50
Total (CAV 251 C152)							\$75,993.50
Misc Costs							\$1,500.00
Total CAV 251 C172							\$78,548.50
Total CAV 251 C152							\$77,493.50

*Fees not paid to Delta State, but to the testing centers or designated pilot examiners (DPE).

The above represents the estimated minimum costs for each course. Students typically require 10-15% more flight training hours to achieve the FAA standards.