Mastère Spécialisé® / Advanced Master

Aeronautical Engineering
Majors Aircraft Design / Flight Test Engineering

■ Objectives

The Advanced Master TAS AERO program is dedicated to Aeronautical Engineering and Human Factors. The program includes a common core and one of the following majors: either focusing on Aircraft Design process and Engineering (TAS AERO-ADE) or the other focusing on Flight Test Engineering (TAS AERO - FTE). The TAS AERO Advanced Master enables students to develop a high level of expertise in engineering science, human factors, current aeronautical technologies and design.

The TAS Aero curriculum includes a broad spectrum of subjects with the following objectives:
- to develop an integrated approach of the product design, while acquiring necessary skills in the disciplines and techniques predominant in the aeronautical sector,
- to make future engineers aware of human factors issues,
- to facilitate work on multidisciplinary projects in aeronautics with a very practical approach,
- to develop skills in project-management, team building and team process at a multinational level,

The major in Aircraft Design Engineering – ADE focuses on process and tools required during all Design phases from Conceptual to Detailed Design.

The major in Flight Test Engineering - FTE focuses on the tests to be conducted during aircraft and equipment development and certification.

■ Learning approach

First semester:
Academic session of around 430h, provided by ISAE’s permanent professors and experts from aerospace industry bringing current knowledge and experience, including:
- lectures, exercises,
- engineering and design study seminars,
- laboratory sessions,
- written report and oral presentation,
- practical sessions,
- team work and team business games,
- in-flight practical experiment and industrial visits (Airbus, DGA Flight Test, Liebherr...).

Second semester:
Students have to conduct a professional thesis in aerospace industry or in laboratory, in France or abroad, supervised by a tutor from the host organization and from ISAE-SUPAERO. The thesis is concluded by the preparation of a report and an oral dissertation in front of jury.

■ Organization

Head of program
• Prof. Éric POQUILLON
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Course duration
One year full time: 6 months of courses and 6 months of professional thesis or internship

Course start date
September

Location
ISAE-SUPAERO

Teaching language
English

■ Career opportunities

More than 1100 students from 55 countries have been trained over the last 30 years and now work as research engineers, designers, project managers, program managers, and consultants, in companies such as Airbus, DGA Essais en Vol, AKKA, ALTRAN, MBDA, Dassault, ArianeGroup...
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Testimonies

Why did you choose ISAE-SUPAERO and apply for this MS? What were your objectives?

LUCIE BEAUDUN
Graduated in 2020
Research Engineer | ISAE-SUPAERO

I decided to apply for the TAS AERO Advanced Master because I would like to be specialized in Aeronautics. Therefore, this Master was the perfect compromise: development of my aeronautical knowledge with the theoretical part and improvement of my professional experiences through the practical part.

FRANÇOIS PERRINEAU
Graduated in 2019
Flight Test Analysis Engineer | Airbus

I graduated from a general engineering school (EPF) where I specialized in aeronautical mechanics. During my last year of study, I did my final-year project in the Flight Test & Integration Center department at Airbus Toulouse where I was responsible on aircraft simulators. From this experience and strongly encouraged by my Airbus managers, I integrated the Advanced Master TAS AERO FTE at ISAE-SUPAERO. I came to develop my knowledge especially in flight testing but also in human factor, aerodynamics and structure. The program follows a common core with the MS TAS AERO Aircraft Design and flight tests with experiments on the various light aircraft of ISAE-SUPAERO.

According to your experience, what are the strong assets of the Advanced Master?

This Master is international and includes a lot of team projects, pair working and presentations. Therefore this is a great opportunity to improve our English and to reinforce relationships and social links with our classmates. Furthermore, each course is taught by experts from industries such as Airbus, ONERA and ISAE-SUPAERO, which is valuable.

We were teams of 3 FTE (Flight Test Engineer), we flew a dozen times on 3 different planes with the help of 2 Experimental Test Pilot, Etienne and Stéphane. During these flights, we focused on airspeed calibration, aircraft climb and cruise performance, stability, handling qualities, engine failure, stall, acceptance flight. Concerning the flight test course and the common core, the program is rich and presented by speakers from the aeronautics industry (Airbus, Dassault, DGA, EPNER) accompanied by company visits and laboratory experience (engine bench tests and aerodynamic wind tunnel at ISAE-SUPAERO).

We also had the opportunity to go for 2 days to the flight test center at Istres base where we visited fighter aircraft such as Rafales, Mirage 2000D and AlfaJet. It was a very rewarding experience that will be engraved for life.

Thanks to Prof Eric Poquillion (Head of FTE) for his rich expertise in flight testing and certification, himself a graduate of EPNER (French Test Crew School) and Anne Forget for her work, she keeps us informed of any unexpected changes and answers emails even on weekends!

I will conclude that the FTE Advanced Master is very valuable both on a personal level and in terms of learning and developing the skills of the flight test engineer profession.

What are your career plans?

If I have the opportunity, I plan to join a big company in aircraft industry as a System Designer Responsible such as Airbus or Dassault Aviation for instance.

At the end of the advanced master, I found a permanent contract at Airbus Flight & Integration Tests in Toulouse. I am responsible for the analysis of flight tests in aerodynamics, load and stress activities. My work is very recent, but I’m taking care of the preparation of Airbus flight test campaign, monitoring the measurements in real time in telemetry and providing the necessary support to the flight crew.

These activities are similar to those performed during the FTE Advanced Master and also which helped me to get this job.

Further, my career plan is to implement new technologies, manage projects, prepare and support future changes in development & testing of aircraft.
Admission procedures

ADVANCED MASTERS

Academic requirements
A master’s degree, or an equivalent degree in science or engineering (or in management for advanced masters in management), or bachelor degree completed by 3 years of professional experience

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL MASTERS
(including for Masters taught in French)

TOEFL (IBT) or TOEIC or IELTS
88 points (Inst. code: 9820) 785 points 6.5 points

or CAE/FCE or Linguaskill
170 points 170 points

NOTA BENE : Volume of teaching hours and contents of the programs are provided for information only and are subject to change.

LANGUAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR MASTERS IN FRENCH

Language qualification requested
Score B2-Common - European Framework of Reference for Languages

SELECTION AND ADMISSION

Selection and admission are made by an admission committee:
Possible interviews can be organized if necessary

Deadlines for application:
Applications open in October 2021 for a start of classes in September 2022. Several admission committees are scheduled from January to July, see schedule on our website

Application website:

Funding
Information on tuitions fees and funding on our website

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