

SWOSU Offering Beginning Flight Course

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A beginning flight class will be offered during the upcoming 2018 spring semester by Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Department of Engineering Technology in Weatherford.

Enrollment for the Theory of Flight course is open now through January 8.

The course will meet each Tuesday afternoon, January 9 through May 1, from 4-6:40 p.m. at the Stafford Museum.

Chaney Larsen will teach the course. Larsen is a private pilot, flight instructor, and assistant director/marketing coordinator of the Stafford Air and Space Museum.

Dr. Patsy Parker, associate dean of the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology, said the opportunity is open to anyone with a high school diploma or GED, including current and concurrent SWOSU students.

The Theory of Flight course covers aeronautical knowledge required to meet the Federal Aviation Administration regulations for a private pilot certification. Topics include the principles of flight, basic aircraft systems and FAA regulations. Upon completion, students will be able to demonstrate the competencies required for the FAA written examination for a private pilot certificate.

The course will include a brief history of flight, including aircraft development in the United States from 1903 to the present jet technology. Other historical topics include the stories of pioneer aviators and astronauts including the Wright Brothers, Charles Lindberg, Amelia Earhart, Thomas P. Stafford, Neil Armstrong, and more. The course is a learning opportunity for anyone interested in flight theory or history.

The flight course is also a great option as an elective for SWOSU students, according to Parker. Admittance to SWOSU is required, so adults interested in enrolling in the course should see the SWOSU website or call the SWOSU registrar's office at 580.774.3777.