Introduction to sUAS

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Course Information

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- **Course Location:** Northstar Jet Hanger 7
- **Course Dates:** September 20 – 22, 2021
- **Course Times:** 9/20 9am-4pm, 9/21 9am-4pm, 9/22 8am – noon
- **Exam Dates:** 9/23 and 9/24

Overview

This course will introduce students to the fundamental concepts of becoming a remote pilot. Students will learn about basic aerodynamic principles, Federal Aviation Regulations, aeromedical factors, and aviation human factors. Students will learn how to interpret and understand weather products, as well as understand basic weather concepts. Air Traffic Control and airspace operations will be discussed to ensure a thorough understanding. Students will also discuss aviation safety and how human factors influence the safety of aviation.

Prerequisites

This program is intended for those who have some, or no, aeronautics experience.

Course Materials

- **Text:** ASA Remote Pilot Test Prep Guide (provided by Northstar Jet)
- UAS flight equipment/supplies will be provided by the Autonomous Aerial Systems Office (AASO). Participants may bring their own aircraft provided they sign a release of liability.
- **Exam:** Final exam is taken at a designated FAA facility (provided by Northstar Jet)

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the course, the student will

- define his or her desire to pursue employment or a career within the aeronautics sector, based on instructors’ assessment related to the
student's skills and proficiency, and student’s personal evaluation of an aeronautics-related career.

- understand the current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations and requirements that govern, and define, safe and lawful Unmanned Aviation operations within the United States.
- gain an understanding of the working components, systems, procedures and the physics under which unmanned aircraft operate through course work and hands-on experience with UAS flight time.
- gain a detailed understanding of the FAA Small Unmanned Aviation Systems (sUAS) requirements for attaining a Remote Pilot License and be prepared to take the exam at an FAA designated testing center.

Schedule of Course Topics and Activities
The course will consist of lectures and student unmanned aircraft flight operations. This course loosely follows the ASA Remote Pilot Test Prep curriculum as approved by the FAA.

Monday: Sept 20th
Introduction to National Airspace System
Introduction to Weather

Tuesday: Sept 21st
sUAS Regulations
Loading and Performance Operations

Wednesday: Sept 22nd
New Regulations (night flying, flights over people, and remote ID).
Review

Learning Assessments
- Quizzes (10 points/assignments) 8 assignments
- UAS Flight operations 5 maneuvers/5 procedures
- The FAA Knowledge test for remote pilot exam
  (Must obtain a 70% or greater to obtain license)

- Reasonable Accommodation - For reasonable accommodation please see instructor as soon as possible. Disability Services for Students can assist both of us in the modification process. For more information, visit the Disability Services website (http://www.umt.edu/dss/default.php).