INTRODUCTION

In all distance learning courses, classroom instruction is greatly reduced to about one-fifth of a conventional course, which is a great advantage. Thanks to the flexible study environment, training can be conducted while maintaining a regular full-time job.

Air-Espace distance learning courses correspond with the Part FCL rules and are approved by the Swiss Federal Office for Civil Aviation, FOCA. Enrolment is possible virtually any time. Heavy emphasis is placed on the care of students during the entire course. Motivated instructors, called “TeleTutors”, lead students through the entire course, be it distance learning via email, online forums, Presence Learning. Comprehensive testing is performed weekly via the internet. While test results are submitted automatically and passing grades are accessible instantly, unique evaluations are possible to the advantage of student, Tele-Tutor, flight school, and the authorities.

The concept of “BLENDED LEARNING”

“Blended learning” - learning by means of written material, supported by the e-learning platform, combines conventional studies with the most advanced online tools. This extremely successful combination leads to sound training with above-average results.

Air-Espace distance learning courses make use of a similar system, consisting of:

- **Introduction**: Held at the Air-Espace Training Centre in Neuchâtel or Lausanne Introduction to the e-learning platform and the distance learning system, approximately two hours.

- **Distance Learning Phase**: The Virtual Distant IR Academy and the Distant ATPL Academy requires 18 distance learning phases, each phase contains between 6 and 12 TESTS (see below). Halfway through the program 1 phase includes evaluation tests called MID-TERM EXAMS (see below) concerning the covered program. Once the whole program completed, the last phase includes 14 FINAL-EXAMS (see below)

- **Learning Objectives (LOs)**: The entire syllabus is divided into phases. Each phase consists of one or more test of different subject, requiring at least 42 study hours each. Students learn in the order of the Learning Objectives. This assures, that the entire material is covered and nothing will be missed during the course.

- **TEST**: Each test concludes with an online test in order to check the learning progress. Results are instantly available to students, tutors, and the administration. Therefore, corrections can be made on the spot and additional assistance can be provided by email.

- **MID-TERM EXAMS**: These medium tests inserted halfway through the program, are a review of the syllabus until then covered.

- **Presence Learning Seminar (PLS)**: Each course (except the Distant ATPL Academy Special Conversion Offer) contains a PLS. The PLS is considered as a general review and preparation for the official exams.

- **FINAL EXAMS**: These larger tests, covering the entire syllabus and inserted in the last phase, in addition to serving as a review, they simulate an official exam, giving to the students and instructors a clear view of the level of preparation of each student towards the upcoming official exams.
DISTANT-LEARNING COURSES OFFERED BY AIR-ESPACE I FLIGHT ACADEMY:

PPL (Français) / PPL (English) / IR / CPL / ATPL / CB-IR / EIR

DISTANT PPL ACADEMY (DPA) / Français or English

The complete course has different sections. The entire of these sections requires 84 hours of studies for an approximate average of 4 hours a week personal home work. A seminar called «Presence Learning Seminar» or PLS consists of 5 days classroom instruction preceded by a «FINAL-EXAMS» before we give you the opportunity to go to the final FOCA Examination.

DISTANT IR ACADEMY, CB-IR / EIR (DIA)

Only a PPL licence is required to join our standalone distance learning course towards the instrument rating. Complementary to 200 study hours via distance learning, a Presence Learning Seminar of 49 hours is held upon completion of the DL phase. This 7 days course serves as a general review and preparation for the FOCA exam. Similar to the DAA and VPS, „blended learning“ is applied, written material is supported by Tele Tutors and e-learning material over the internet. The course fee also includes the IR voice course, which will be held separately at Air-Espace Training Centre in Neuchâtel or Lausanne.

- CPL (DCA) ALSO AVAILABLE
The entire course consists of 18 phases, 200 tests. One Phase requires an average of 42 study hours. Considering 20 study hours per week, it will take about nine months to complete the Distant ATPL Academy course. The Presence Learning Seminar covers 112 hours classroom instruction within a three-week period. Prerequisites for the course is a valid PPL licence. Applicants are made familiar with the course and the e-learning platform by means of a two-hour introduction (quick-off meeting) at Neuchâtel or Lausanne.

- **ATPL (H) ALSO AVAILABLE**

**DISTANT ATPL ACADEMY (SDAA) /SPECIAL CONVERSION OFFER**

For holders of an FAA/ICAO ATPL licence or “frozen” ATPL (CPL/IR licence with FAA/ICAO ATPL theory exam passed), Air-Espace provides the Special Conversion Offer.

The entire course consists of 18 phases, 200 tests. One Phase requires an average of 42 study hours. Considering 20 study hours per week, it will take about nine months to complete the Distant ATPL Academy course. Prerequisites for the course is a minimum a CPL-IR License with a frozen Theoretical ATPL. Applicants are made familiar with the course and the e-learning platform by means of a two-hour introduction at Neuchâtel.

The course is virtually identical to the “regular” Distant ATPL Academy, however, the Presence Learning Seminar is omitted. Preparation for the FOCA exams is undergone entirely via distance learning. Course duration, considering 20 study hours per week, is again about nine months.

- **ATPL (H) ALSO AVAILABLE**