

## Admissions Requirements

Admission into the USAF TPS is extremely competitive. The best and the brightest of the flying world compete to attend this school. It is not uncommon for potential students to be alternatives two or three times before getting accepted. There are two classes held a year -- 48 weeks each. There are 3 tracks that students can apply for: Experimental Test Pilot (ETP), Flight Test Engineer (FTE), or Flight Test Navigator (FTN). The upper class is called the senior class, while the lower class are called the juniors, determined by what point they are at in their studies at TPS. The class size at TPS varies. Over the past few years there have been over 20 TPS students per class. The classes are normally split, half ETP, half FTE+FTN. It is important to point out that civilians are also permitted and encouraged to apply for the long course program. The current classes have 24 and 22 students, respectively.

The following chart shows the **Eligibility Requirements** for application to USAF TPS:

<i>Course</i>	<i>Time in Service</i>	<i>Education</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Physical Qualification</i>
<i>PILOT</i>	$\leq 10$ yr	<i>BS in Engr, Math or Physics (GPA &gt;2.5)</i>	<i>750 hr or IP (MWS) 12 mo AC in MWS</i>	<i>Annual Flying Class II</i>
<i>NAVIGATOR</i>	$\leq 10$ yr	<i>BS in Engr, Math or Physics (GPA &gt;2.5)</i>	<i>500 hr or IN (MWS)</i>	<i>Annual Flying Class II</i>
<i>ENGINEER</i>	$\leq 8$ yr	<i>BS in Engr, Math or Physics (GPA &gt;2.8)  Tech MS desired</i>	<i><math>\geq 2</math> yr experience in 13XX, 14NX, 21AX, 21CX, 21LX, 21MX, 33SX, 61SX, 62EX 63AX  (civ: <math>\geq 2</math> yr in T&amp;E)</i>	<i>Annual Flying Class III</i>