Air Traffic Control Training
Now mentored by ferroNATS
FTEJerez has over 25 years of experience in aviation training and enjoys international recognition as one of the most prestigious airline pilot training organisations in Europe. Our ATC course is based on the same philosophy that has made our pilot training services an industry benchmark: an unwavering focus on quality.

Following the liberalisation of air traffic control towers and the training of air traffic controllers in Spain, FTEJerez became the first initial training institution to be certified to conduct ATC training in Spain by the Spanish Regulator, the Agencia Estatal de Seguridad Aérea (AESA).

FTEJerez offers its ATC cadets a unique training environment situated directly next to the Jerez International airport. We believe that the close interaction with our international pilot training cadets, the limited number of students on each course and the fact that all our training is conducted in English, sets us apart from other institutions offering ATC training. All ATC instructors at FTEJerez have solid international aviation background, with many years of experience as ATC instructors.

With FTEJerez's fully equipped classrooms and its aviation training setting, ATC students are offered the best environment possible in which to be trained as a professional Air Traffic Controller valued by the industry.

By entrusting FTEJerez with your training, you can rest assured that we will equip you with the necessary skills and operational capability to make a success of your future career as an Air Traffic Controller and be part of a worldwide team that is responsible for safely guiding thousands of aircraft through the Spanish and International Airspace System every day.
Join one of the leading aviation training organisations in Europe
FerroNATS Mentoring

FerroNATS is the result of a joint venture between Ferrovial Servicios, benchmark international company in management and operation of transport infrastructures, and NATS, the UK’s leading provider of air traffic services and solutions. As a result of this venture, FerroNATS has become the leading private ATC provider in Spain.

Since the first generation of FTEJerez ATC controllers commenced training in 2011, many of our graduates are currently working for towers managed by FerroNATS, safely guiding thousands of aircraft through the Spanish Airspace System.

Candidates interested in training at FTEJerez are required to apply during a specific period that is announced on our website. When applying for an FTEJerez course you will be required to undertake several assessments, including a personal interview with FerroNATS. After a thorough evaluation of all applications by FTEJerez and FerroNATS training managers, only the best candidates will be offered a place. If you are one of the selected candidates, from the moment you commence your training at FTEJerez your progression will be constantly supervised by FerroNATS. This mentorship will not only guarantee that your training will be up to the highest standards demanded by the industry, but will also give you significant exposure to Spain’s leading ATC private provider, enhancing your career opportunities on completion of the course. Furthermore, and to this regard, a minimum of 3 cadets from each course will be included in the FerroNATS preferential recruitment pool.

Career Development Service

There is no doubt that being mentored by FerroNATS throughout your training is a significant advantage when it comes to your future employment on completion of the course, however, many FTEJerez ATC graduates have been placed around the world, from Dublin to Dubai, with a number of leading ATC providers. Once you graduate from FTEJerez you will receive personalised tuition towards your first placement in a control tower. Even though you will be mentored by FerroNATS, you may opt for other opportunities that will arise through FTEJerez’s constant networking efforts.
The ATC course duration is 22 weeks and is divided in 2 phases. The first phase of 11 weeks covers the relevant theory. During this period, 16 subjects are taught including, among others, meteorology, navigation and air traffic management. All training is done in English.

This is followed by the Rating Training Phase of 11 weeks, using our state-of-the-art ATC simulator. During this period, the student will acquire the necessary knowledge, skills and operational capability in order to be awarded a Student Air Traffic Controller licence. This licence equips the holder thereof to commence working, under supervision, as an air traffic controller in an ATC tower.

During both training phases, visits will take place to aeronautical facilities such as control towers, hangars and airplanes. Where possible, students will take part in actual flights and through observing from the back-seat of our training aircraft, gain first-hand experience of what is happening in an aircraft cockpit in terms of interaction with ATC.
FTEJerez has become the preferred supplier of ATC students to FerroNATS, the leading Spanish private air traffic control service provider.
FTEJerez has been provided with state-of-the-art next generation aerodrome simulator equipment, developed by NATS, that offers precise virtual reproduction of real-life situations. Moreover, NATS supplies FTEJerez with their training know-how, providing material developed by their experienced professionals. FTEJerez can also provide approach and area training thus expanding the service portfolio.

With capacity to train over 50 aerodrome student controllers each year, FTEJerez’s training centre offers initial air traffic control training while also providing current air traffic controllers with a quality continuous learning platform.


Are you interested in an exhilarating and rewarding career as an Air Traffic Controller? In order to apply you will need to comply with the following requisites:

To be enrolled as an ATC student you must be of Spanish or European nationality, at least 18 years old, have completed a Baccalaureate or equivalent education that grants access to university, pass a medical Class III (this requisite is not mandatory until you have completed your selection tests), have a high level of English language and, if Spanish is not the mother tongue, a level C1 in Spanish must be accredited.

FTEJerez will run application processes for each course intake and only the 12 best candidates will be invited to join our ATC course.

If you meet the entry requirements and your application is approved, you will be invited to take our selection test at our campus in Jerez de la Frontera. The phases of this test are FEAST 1 aptitude test, FEAST 2 (DART) aptitude test and a personal Interview in English.

All these tests are eliminative; therefore, if a candidate is not declared apt on any one of them, he/she will be excluded from the selection process. FTEJerez will offer all means necessary in order to undertake the selection tests, including full board accommodation on campus at a nominal charge.

The successful candidates who pass both FEAST and the Interview in English, will be invited to the final stage; a personal Interview that will take place with FerroNATS.

If you wish to apply, please visit our website www.ftejerez.com in order to apply on line or phone our Training Advisors on 956 317 806.

Control your future: choose FTEJerez.