

Students will be required to write a research paper and give a presentation in class on either an airport of their choice or on airport privatization.

A minimum three-page type written paper and an in class presentation will be the graded portion of the assignment. **The paper will be due on April 6th** Grades will be based on the student's demonstrated knowledge of the subject, and an in class presentation. The paper will be worth 50 possible points.

Airport Research Paper

Students are encouraged to research an airport of interest to them. Listed below is some of the information that should be included in your paper. However, as we go through the semester you will be able to develop some questions of your own.

Who owns the airport?

Is there a city or county board (committee / commissioners) assigned to the airport?

What determines who will be on the board?

Who is on the board?

Who operates the airport?

Staff size and positions

Organization Chart

What is the relationship between the airport owner and the tenants?

Current Issues at the Airport

Detailed Understanding of the Airports Financial Information (revenue and expenses)

What fees are charged on the airport? (rent, percent of revenue fee, fuel flow charges)

What determines the rates and charges?

This is an opportunity to learn about an airport of interest to you and a chance to do some networking. If you wish to be a CFI at a particular airport, interview the FBO owner. If you want to be an airport manager, interview an airport manager. Maybe it is your chance to meet an airline pilot that owns a hangar at an airport of interest to you. City and county staff directly involved in managing airports would be excellent sources of information. I will be happy to assist you if you need names, addresses or phone numbers.

In addition to interviewing people involved with your airport you are encouraged to attend an airport board/commission meeting or a tenant meeting.

Please advise me of the subject you choose to write on by January 26th.
Because we will be discussing Minneapolis St. Paul International and MAC's Reliever airports extensively in class and many of you are very familiar with Mankato's airport; they are not eligible topics for the paper.

Only one student will be allowed to study a particular airport. This is an individual project and students are required to submit their own research.

Please submit names and relationships to the airport of the people you interview or obtain information from.

All source of information must be identified and cited with the paper.

Airport Privatization Paper:

Students will have an alternative if they do not wish to research an airport they can write a three page type written paper on airport privatization and give a presentation on it.