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### **Bucks New University chooses Elite as supplier of its first flight simulator**

To help its aviation students maintain and improve their flying skills Buckinghamshire New University has installed a flight simulator made by Elite Simulation Solutions, one of the world's foremost manufacturers of flight training devices, using standard PCs rather than specifically designed computers.

The Elite S812 simulator has been specially prepared for the High Wycombe-based University because it is configured for dual pilot usage rather than the model's normal single pilot version.

Bucks New University works with selected aviation training organisations to provide linked commercial pilot and degree-level academic training. On some courses students undertake formal pilot training in parallel or side-by-side with academic training, but can spend extended periods without being able to practice flying. Hence the University's decision to obtain the flight simulator, mainly intended to give students already on Private or Commercial Pilot courses the chance to practice skills such as instrument or cross-country flying.

The Elite S812 is configured to accurately represent the single-engine Cessna 172RG aircraft with generic glass cockpit layout, but can easily be converted to display analogue instrumentation. It has a 3-channel CAVE visual system, an original Garmin GN530 GPS and full 3D model coverage of landscape and airports for the whole of the UK.

To back up the device Elite has also provided four PI-135 basic desktop trainers.

James Edmunds, Head of the Academic Department for Travel and Aviation at Bucks New University, said: "As one of Europe's largest flight training universities we were delighted to purchase the Elite FNPT II which has provided a huge boost to the experience of our pilot training students, offering them the ability to practice and consolidate their flying skills in a state-of-the-art, purpose-built flight simulator."

Pilot graduates from Bucks New University are employed in a variety of roles, including as first officers with British Airways, Cathay Pacific Airways, easyJet, Ryanair and Thomson Airways. Others are instructors with training partners of the University including CTC Aviation, CAE Oxford Aviation Academy, Booker Aviation and FTA Global.

Bucks New University's Department of Travel and Aviation offers degrees in BA (Hons) Airline and Airport Management, BSc (Hons) Air Transport with Commercial Pilot Training, BSc (Hons) Air Transport with Private Pilot Training, BA (Hons) International Tourism Management with Air Travel and BA (Hons) International Travel and Tourism Management.

Elite's director of marketing and sales, René Huddleston, said: "We are honoured to have been chosen by Bucks New University to supply its first flight simulator and delighted that their advisor, Mike Langley - a former general manager of training and operations at Oxford Aviation Academy, Europe's largest and best-known flying academy - gave us the opportunity to provide our equipment to such an up and coming university."

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