

AFSC 11S4*, Staff
 AFSC 11S3*, Aircraft Commander
 AFSC 11S2*, Qualified Pilot/Copilot
 AFSC 11S1*, Entry/Student

SPECIAL OPERATIONS PILOT (Changed 30 Apr 13)

1. Specialty Summary. Pilots special operations aircraft (fixed-wing or helicopter) and commands crews to accomplish special operations, training, and other missions. Related DoD Occupational Group: 220100.

2. Duties and Responsibilities:

2.1. Plans and prepares for mission. Reviews mission tasking, intelligence, and weather information. Supervises mission planning, preparation and filing of flight plan, and crew briefing. Ensures aircraft is preflighted, inspected, loaded, equipped, and manned for mission.

2.2. Pilots aircraft and commands crew. Operates aircraft controls and equipment. Performs, supervises, or directs navigation, in-flight refueling, reconnaissance, weapons delivery, and cargo and passenger delivery.

2.3. Conducts or supervises training of crewmembers. Ensures operational readiness of crew by conducting or supervising mission specific training.

2.4. Develops plans and policies, monitors operations, and advises commanders. Assists commanders and performs staff functions related to this specialty.

3. Specialty Qualifications:

3.1. Knowledge. Knowledge is mandatory of theory of flight, air navigation, meteorology, flying directives, aircraft operating procedures, and mission tactics.

3.2. Education. For entry into this specialty, an undergraduate degree specializing in physical sciences, mathematics, administration, or management is desirable.

3.3. Training. The following training is mandatory as indicated:

3.3.1. For entry into this specialty, completion of Air Force Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (SUPT).

3.3.2. For award of AFSC 11S2x, completion of transition and operational training in the suffix specific aircraft.

3.4. Experience. For upgrade to AFSCs 11S2x/3x, unit commander determines proficiency based on performance, experience, and completion of minimum training requirements.

3.5. Other. The following are mandatory as indicated:

3.5.1. For award and retention of this AFSC, current aeronautical rating and qualification for aviation service as pilot.

3.5.2. For award of AFSC 11S3x, certification of aircraft commander qualification by appropriate operations authority.

3.5.3. Specialty requires routine access to Tier 5 (T5) information, systems or similar classified environments. For award and retention of AFSCs 11SXX, completion of a current T5 Investigation IAW DoDM 5200.02_AFMAN 16-1405, *Air Force Personnel Security Program*.

NOTE: Award of the entry level without a completed T5 Investigation is authorized provided an interim Top Secret security clearance has been granted according to DoDM 5200.02_AFMAN 16 -1405.

4. *Specialty Shredouts:

Suffix Portion of AFS to Which Related

C	AC-130H
D	AC-130U
E	MC-130P
F	MC-130E
G	MC-130H
I	CAA (Fixed Wing)
J	CV-22
M	Air Commando (NSAv, DM)
N	AC-130W
P	MC-130J
Q	AC-130J
S	EC-130J
U	Air Liaison Officer (ALO)
X	U-28
Y	General
Z	Other