

Luftwaffe Flight Training Program (1930s-style)

Stage A - Basic Flight Training (Grunds Schulung)

Aircraft: Bücker Bü 131 Jungmann or equivalent

Hours: ~60-80

Focus: Fundamentals of flight

Mission	Description	Skills
A1	Preflight, taxi, straight-and-level flight	Basic handling, checklist discipline
A2	Takeoff & landing (day)	Airspeed control, approach planning
A3	Climbs, descents, shallow turns	Coordination, control feel
A4	Steep turns, stalls	Edge of envelope control
A5	Spins & recovery	Confidence, emergency skill
A6	Introductory aerobatics (loop, roll)	Attitude awareness
A7	Crosswind landings	Precision control
A8	Solo flight evaluation	Self-reliance, judgment

Stage B - Advanced Flight Training (Weiterbildung)

Aircraft: Arado Ar 66, Heinkel He 72, or equivalent

Hours: ~80-100

Focus: Combat readiness & tactical flying

Mission	Description	Skills
B1	Formation flight	Position keeping, teamwork
B2	Navigation (visual)	Dead reckoning, map skills
B3	Navigation (radio, if available)	Use of NDB/VOR
B4	Night flying basics	Instrument scan, low light ops
B5	Instrument flying (partial panel)	Spatial awareness, control without horizon
B6	Combat maneuvers (Immelmann, Split-S)	Energy management
B7	Mock dogfight (instructor vs. student)	Tactical judgment
B8	Intro to bombing & gunnery runs	Targeting, dive technique
B9	Emergency procedures	Calm response under pressure

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B10	Evaluation flight	Tactical & formation demo
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Stage C - Specialization (Sonderausbildung)

Aircraft: Type-specific (e.g., Bf 109, Ju 87, He 111)

Hours: Varies

Focus: Role-specific proficiency

Track	Description	Skills
Fighter	Bf 109 conversion	Energy tactics, gunnery, high-speed handling
Bomber	He 111 or Do 17	Formation bombing, navigation, load management
Dive Bomber	Ju 87 Stuka	Dive profiles, release timing, pullout G management
Reconnaissance	Bf 110 or Fw 189	Long-range nav, photo recon, stealth flight

Optional: Glider Pre-Training (Segelflug)

Aircraft: Grunau Baby or similar

Purpose: Teach aerodynamics and energy management through unpowered flight

Duration: ~10-20 flights

Skills: Pitch control, ridge soaring, thermal turn coordination

OK Upon Completion:

- Graduates assigned to Ergänzungsgruppe for final integration.
- Receive unit assignment to operational Staffel.
- Continue tactical and mission training under squadron leadership.