AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

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Introduction to the Aerospace Engineering curriculum and career. Typical section topics include aircraft and rocket design and flight. Overviews of the topics are presented along with theory to be experimentally verified.

AE 199 Undergraduate Open Seminar credit: 0 to 5 Hours.
Undergraduate Open Seminar. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. May be repeated.

AE 202 Aerospace Flight Mechanics credit: 3 Hours.
Fundamental principles of aerospace flight mechanics applied to spacecraft and aircraft. Orbital mechanics, rocket propulsion, and dynamics and control applied to spacecraft design. Aerodynamics, maneuvering, stability and flight performance applied to aircraft design. MATLAB examples and assignments. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in TAM 212.

AE 298 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Lectures and discussions relating to new areas of interest. See class schedule for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated if topics vary.

AE 302 Aerospace Flight Mechanics II credit: 3 Hours.
Fundamentals of aircraft and spacecraft dynamics and orbital mechanics; aircraft performance in various flight attitudes; aircraft stability and control; spacecraft attitude dynamics and control; the two-body problem of orbital mechanics; orbit transfer. Prerequisite: AE 352.

AE 311 Incompressible Flow credit: 3 Hours.
Equations of motion for incompressible flow, both inviscid and viscous; potential flow theory, inviscid airfoil theory; two- and three-dimensional, Navier-Stokes equations, laminar boundary layer and transition to turbulence. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in AE 202 and MATH 241.

AE 312 Compressible Flow credit: 3 Hours.
Dynamics of compressible fluid; conservation of mass, momentum, and energy; one-dimensional and quasi-one-dimensional flow; oblique shock waves & Prandtl-Meyer expansion fans; unsteady wave motion; linearized theory. Application to nozzles, diffusers, airfoils, shock tubes and other geometries. Prerequisite: AE 202 and MATH 285. Credit or concurrent registration in ME 300.

AE 321 Mech of Aerospace Structures credit: 3 Hours.
Fundamental concepts in the linear theory of elasticity, including stress, strain, equilibrium, compatibility, material constitution and properties. Failure mechanisms and criteria. Application to plane stress-strain problems, beams in extension and bending, and shafts in torsion. Prerequisite: MATH 285 and TAM 210.

AE 323 Applied Aerospace Structures credit: 3 Hours.

AE 352 Aerospace Dynamical Systems credit: 3 Hours.
Particle kinematics and dynamics; Lagrange’s equations; vibration of multiple degree-of-freedom systems; rotational kinematics and dynamics of rigid bodies. Credit is not given for both AE 352 and TAM 412. Prerequisite: MATH 225, MATH 285, and TAM 212.

AE 353 Aerospace Control Systems credit: 3 Hours.
Modeling of linear dynamic systems; Laplace transform techniques; linear feedback control systems; stability criteria; design techniques. Credit is not given for both AE 353 and either GE 320 or ME 340. Prerequisite: MATH 225, MATH 285, and TAM 212.

AE 370 Aerospace Numerical Methods credit: 3 Hours.
Numerical methods used in aerospace engineering. Numerical integration, curve fitting, root finding, numerical solution of ODE, solution of linear systems of equations. Finite difference. Rayleigh-Ritz, and Finite element methods. Applications to simple structural mechanics and aerodynamics problems encountered in aerospace engineering. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in AE 311 or AE 312; credit or concurrent registration in AE 321 or AE 323.

AE 395 Honors Project credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Special aerospace engineering project or reading course for James Scholars in engineering. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AE 396 Honors Seminar credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Special lecture sequences or discussion groups arranged each term to bring James Scholars in engineering into direct contact with the various aspects of engineering practices and philosophy. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AE 397 Independent Study credit: 1 to 3 Hours.
Independent theoretical and experimental projects in aerospace engineering. May be repeated. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

AE 398 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Lectures and discussions relating to new areas of interest. See class schedule for topics and prerequisites. May be repeated if topics vary.

AE 402 Orbital Mechanics credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Analysis of orbits in an inverse-square gravitational field; elementary rocket dynamics, impulsive orbit transfer and rendezvous, and Lambert’s Theorem with applications; patched-conic trajectories, planetary gravity-assist maneuvers, and linearized orbit theory with application to simplified analytical models; perturbations. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AE 202.

AE 403 Spacecraft Attitude Control credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Theory and applications of spacecraft attitude dynamics and control; Euler angles, direction cosines, quaternions, and Gibbs-Rodrigues parameters; attitude sensors and control actuators; spin, three-axis active, reaction wheel, control moment gyro, and gravity gradient control systems; environmental effects. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AE 352 and AE 353.

AE 410 Computational Aerodynamics credit: 3 or 4 Hours.
Computational technologies as solution tools for various aerodynamic problems; modeling and solution of one- and two-dimensional, incompressible and compressible, steady and unsteady inviscid external flow fields. Computational laboratory for practical experience. Same as CSE 461. 3 undergraduate hours. 3 or 4 graduate hours. Prerequisite: AE 311; credit or concurrent enrollment in AE 312.

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AE 498 Special Topics credit: 1 to 4 Hours.
Subject offerings of new and developing areas of knowledge in aerospace engineering intended to augment the existing curriculum. See Class Schedule or department course information for topics and prerequisite. 1 to 4 undergraduate hours. 1 to 4 graduate hours. May be repeated in the same or separate terms if topics vary to a maximum of 9 undergraduate hours or 12 graduate hours.

AE 502 Advanced Orbital Mechanics credit: 4 Hours.
Circular-restricted three-body problem; surfaces of zero velocity, libration points, and halo orbits; perturbed two-body motion; Gauss and Lagrange planetary equations, Hamilton's principle, canonical equations and Delaunay variables; application to artificial Earth satellites; orbit determination. Prerequisite: AE 402.

AE 504 Optimal Aerospace Systems credit: 4 Hours.
Formulation of parameter and functional optimization problems for dynamic systems; applications of optimization principles to the control and performance of aerospace vehicles, including optimal flight paths, trajectories, and feedback control. Prerequisite: AE 352.

AE 508 Optimal Space Trajectories credit: 4 Hours.
Optimal rocket trajectories in inverse-square and linearized gravitational fields; orbital transfer, intercept, and rendezvous; high-thrust (impulsive) and low-thrust (continuous) trajectories; primer vector theory and applications; cooperative rendezvous. Prerequisite: Credit or concurrent registration in AE 504.

AE 510 Advanced Gas Dynamics credit: 4 Hours.
Same as ME 510. See ME 510.

AE 511 Transonic Aerodynamics credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamentals of transonic flows; transonic characteristics and flow modeling, shock wave development, properties of shock wave, transonic similarity, shock-boundary layer interactions, three-dimensional effects, transonic solution techniques, transonic design, and transonic testing. Prerequisite: ME 410.

AE 512 Molecular Gas Dynamics credit: 4 Hours.
The course focuses on the molecular description of physical and chemical processes in gases. The molecular viewpoint is essential to promote the understanding of physical processes occurring at very high temperatures and low pressures. These conditions are typically encountered in high speed and non-equilibrium gas flows. After a brief review of the fundamental concepts of statistical mechanics and chemical thermodynamics, the course focuses on the fundamentals of kinetic theory of gases, equilibrium chemistry, non-equilibrium kinetics and non-thermal radiation. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: AE 311, AE 312, ME 300.

AE 514 Boundary Layer Theory credit: 4 Hours.
Boundary layer concept at high Reynolds numbers; self-similar solutions of incompressible and compressible boundary layers; stability of parallel and nearly-parallel wall-bounded viscous flows; transition to turbulence; turbulent boundary layers; high-speed boundary layers; strong Reynolds analogy; Morkovin's hypothesis. Prerequisite: AE 412.

AE 515 Wing Theory credit: 4 Hours.
Theoretical analysis of the aerodynamic characteristics of two- and three-dimensional wings and multiple-body systems in subsonic and supersonic flows. Prerequisite: AE 416.

AE 521 Fracture and Fatigue credit: 4 Hours.
Same as CEE 575. See CEE 575.
AE 529  **Viscoelasticity Theory**  credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamental concepts of viscoelasticity with applications: elastic-viscoelastic analogies, creep and relaxation functions, Poisson's ratio, thermomechanical reciprocity relations, variational principles, model fitting, shear center motion, thick-walled cylinders under pressure and inertia loads with material annihilation, sandwich plates, propagation of viscoelastic waves, vibration of bars, plates and shells, nonlinear elastic-viscoelastic analogy, properties of nonlinear viscoelastic stress-strain laws, creep rupture, and torsion of nonlinear bars and shells. Same as TAM 529. Prerequisite: AE 321 or TAM 451.

AE 538  **Combustion Fundamentals**  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as AE 501. See AE 501.

AE 542  **Aerospace Syst Engineering I**  credit: 4 Hours.
Aerospace systems engineering principles, processes and practices for the definition of spacecraft, aircraft, launch and associated systems, and the application of the systems approach across the development life cycle. Prerequisite: Any of AE 442, AE 443, ME 470, ECE 445, ECE 411; CS 492, CS 493, or CEE 465.

AE 543  **Aerospace Syst Engineering II**  credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamental aerospace industry methods for control of an engineering development effort of a complex aerospace system typical in development of spacecraft, launch vehicles, aircraft, remotely controlled vehicles, and associated supporting infrastructure system in current acquisition environments. Standards and techniques to control risk, integration of technologies, and exploration of "design-to" process tailoring and systematically make design decisions. Prerequisite: AE 542.

AE 550  **Nonlinear Aeroelasticity**  credit: 4 Hours.
Integrated fundamental treatment of the physical and mathematical aspects of nonlinear aeroelasticity. Fluid-solid interactions of unsteady aerodynamics and flexible structures and their components with applications to air-space-land vehicles, wind mills, solar sails, and gossamer structures. Physical and mathematical modeling; solution protocols to nonlinear problems; self-excited nonlinear oscillators; torsional divergence, loss of stability and control due to structural flexibility; chordwise and un-symmetric bending; viscous and structural damping, motion control; straight and swept-wind flutter; stall divergence and flutter; panel flutter; aerodynamic noise; chaotic motion; gust loads; limit cycles. Prerequisite: AE 451.

AE 551  **Elastodynamics and Vibrations**  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as AE 514. See AE 514.

AE 554  **Dynamical Systems Theory**  credit: 4 Hours.
Fundamental concepts of nonlinear oscillations, structural stability, local and global bifurcations in the context of ordinary and partial differential equations; dynamic systems, structural stability and Lyapunov-Schmidt Reduction, bifurcations of equilibrium points, limit cycles and tori, the center manifold and Poincare normal forms, co-dimension two and higher order bifurcations, bifurcation theory of maps, the Birkhoff-Smale homoclinic theorem and horseshoes, Melnikov's method and Silnikov phenomena, period doubling, and other routes to chaos. Applications to engineering problems, such as aircraft at high angles of attack, pipes conveying fluid, and panel flutter. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: AE 352 or TAM 412 and AE 454.

AE 555  **Multivariable Control Design**  credit: 4 Hours.
Frequency-response design specifications; algebraic and analytic constraints in scalar systems; uncertainty representation; Nyquist stability theory, small gain condition, and multi-input multi-output systems; singular value decomposition; robustness and u-function; linear quadratic regulator based design; recovery of LQ Design properties; Kalman filter; Riccati equations; H-infinity based design; reduction; balanced truncation; Hankel singular values; coprime factor reduction; loop shaping. Same as SE 521. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: AE 555.