AERO - AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (AERO)

AERO 101 Introduction to Aerospace Engineering  
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.  
Overview of aerospace engineering and the aerospace industry, including requirements and assignments of an aerospace engineer, vehicle configurations and missions, aerodynamics, structures and materials, dynamics and control, simulation and testing, and aerospace engineering in the future.  
Prerequisites: ENGR 111, MATH 151, PHYS 218, or registration therein.

AERO 201 Introduction to Flight  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.  
Standard atmosphere; basic aerodynamic theory; isentropic flow; airfoil and wing descriptions; distributed load systems; static equilibrium; free body diagrams; wing structures; elementary aerospace vehicle performance; aircraft stability and control; experiential introduction to aerospace engineering.  
Prerequisites: Admitted to major degree sequence in aerospace engineering; grade of C or better ENGR 111, MATH 151, MATH 152, PHYS 218; grade of C or better in MATH 251 or MATH 253 or registration therein.

AERO 202 Introduction to Flight Mechanics  
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.  
Introductory material in aerospace engineering; development of standard atmosphere; aerodynamic theory; airfoil and wing descriptions; aircraft performance.  
Prerequisites: Admitted to major degree sequence in aerospace engineering; MEEN 221 or equivalent; MATH 251 or MATH 253 or concurrent enrollment.

AERO 210 Introduction to Aerospace Mechanics  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.  
Planar kinematics; fundamentals of Newtonian mechanics; system of particles and rigid bodies; the effect of friction forces on motion and static equilibrium; rectilinear and curvilinear motion of particles; translational momentum; moments of inertia; angular momentum; planar motion of rigid bodies; impact dynamics; situations involving variable mass; introduction to orbital mechanics.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 201; grade of C or better in MATH 308 or registration therein.

AERO 212 Introduction to Aerothermodynamics  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours. 1 Lab Hour.  
Study of thermodynamic properties and processes, heat and work, first and second laws of thermodynamics, power and refrigeration ideal cycles, psychrometrics.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in CHEM 107 and CHEM 117; grade of C or better in MATH 251, or concurrent enrollment.

AERO 214 Introduction to Aerospace Mechanics of Materials  
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 2 Lab Hours.  
Fundamental concepts for deformable bodies (conservation of linear and angular momentum, kinematics and thermoelasticity); notions of stress and strain and illustrative examples for engineering applications; introduction to experimental methods and reporting, instrumentation and uncertainty analysis; measurement of elastic and thermal material properties.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 201; grade of C or better in MATH 308, or concurrent enrollment.

AERO 220 Introduction to Aerospace Computation  
Credits 4. 3 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.  
Review of basic skills required for developing computer programs and introduction to more advanced concepts in scientific computing to solve aerospace engineering problems; numerical and analytical methods of solving engineering problems involving curve fitting; interpolation and extrapolation; difference operators and differentiation; integration; solutions to linear and non-linear equations and differential equations with engineering applications.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in ENGR 112; grade of C or better in MATH 308 or concurrent enrollment.

AERO 289 Special Topics in...  
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.  
Selected topics in an identified area of aerospace engineering. May be repeated for credit.  
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.

AERO 291 Research  
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.  
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in aerospace engineering. May be taken three times.  
Prerequisites: Freshman or sophomore classification and approval of instructor.

AERO 299 Mid-Curriculum Professional Development  
Credits 0. 0 Other Hours.  
Participation in an approved high-impact learning practice; reflection on professional outcomes from engineering body of knowledge; documentation and self-assessment of learning experience at mid-curriculum point.

AERO 301 Theoretical Aerodynamics  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Fundamentals of incompressible flow, conservation principles, continuity, momentum, rotationality, circulation, lift, drag, potential flow, thin airfoil theory, panel methods, airfoil design, high lift devices, finite wing theory, vortex lattice methods, and wing design.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 201, AERO 212, AERO 220 and MATH 308.

AERO 302 Aerospace Engineering Laboratory  
Credits 2. 1 Lecture Hour. 3 Lab Hours.  
Intermediate and advanced topics in instrumentation, signal conditioning, data acquisition analysis for aerospace-related measurements; emphasis on technical reporting and data presentation; measurements of materials strain, deformation, pressure, velocity and aerodynamic forces; experimental investigations of static and dynamic response of structures; use of nonintrusive optical techniques; uncertainty analysis; linear regression, Fourier transform and power spectra; tests for statistical significance.  
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in ENGL 104; grade of C or better in AERO 301, AERO 304, AERO 310, ECEN 215, or registration therein.

AERO 303 High Speed Aerodynamics  
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.  
Fundamentals of compressible flow, acoustic waves, shock and expansion waves, shock-expansion theory, supersonic airfoil design, small perturbation theory, conical flow theory, supersonic wing panel methods, supersonic wing design, similarity theory, cone flow, unsteady waves, and theory of characteristics.  
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 301.
AERO 304 Aerospace Structural Analysis I
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Structural design considerations; mechanics of structures; introduction to elasticity; constitution of materials; analysis of typical aerospace structures in bending, extension, torsion and shear.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 214, AERO 220, MATH 308.

AERO 306 Aerospace Structural Analysis II
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Work and energy principles; analysis of indeterminate structures by classical virtual work and finite elements; introduction to elastic stability of columns; application of energy methods to determine stresses, strains and displacements in typical aerospace structures; design considerations in aerospace structures.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 304.

AERO 310 Aerospace Dynamics
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Spatial kinematics; general motion of particles; Euler angles; Newton-Euler methods for translation and rotation of rigid bodies; work-energy and impulse momentum principles applied to aerospace systems; Linear theory of free and forced vibrations and dynamic response of single and multi-degree of freedom systems; frequency response of first and second order systems with instrumentations applications.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 210, AERO 220 and MATH 308.

AERO 321 Dynamics of Aerospace Vehicles
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Derivation of the nonlinear flight dynamics equations; linearization; aircraft static stability and control; longitudinal and lateral dynamic stability; development of state-space models; stability derivatives; longitudinal and lateral modes and transfer functions; flying qualities; elements of configuration design; response to control inputs.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 301 and AERO 310.

AERO 351 Aerothermodynamics and Propulsion
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Aerothermodynamics of gases; laws of thermodynamics; equilibrium conditions; mixtures of gases; combustion and thermochemistry; compressible internal flows with friction, heat transfer and shock; turbojet cycle analysis and performance; chemical rockets.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

AERO 401 Aerospace Vehicle Design I
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Aerodynamic design, specification, arrangement, performance analysis, weight and balance, stability.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 303, AERO 306, AERO 321 and AERO 351; AERO 302 or concurrent enrollment.

AERO 402 Aerospace Vehicle Design II
Credits 2. 6 Lab Hours.
Continuation of AERO 401. System optimization by examination and analysis of necessary trade-offs.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 401.

AERO 404 Mechanics of Advanced Aerospace Structures
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Advanced analysis techniques for aerospace structures; material anisotropy, plasticity, fatigue and fracture; laminated materials; solution of plane elasticity, plate and multi-component structural configurations; buckling of beams and plates; application of finite element analysis.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 304 and junior or senior classification.

AERO 405 Aerospace Structural Design
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Overall structural integrity of complete aerospace systems; structures subjected to critical loads; design considerations in aerospace structures.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 306.

AERO 406 Polymer Nanocomposites and their Applications
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Recent advances and methodologies in processing and characterization of nanostructured polymers and nanocomposites, as well as their commercial applications; investigate polymers filled with nanometer-size inclusions, including nanoparticles, nanotubes, nanofibers, and nanoclays; macroscale, microscale and nanoscale characterizations investigated in relation to properties of interest.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 413.

AERO 411 Applications of Fracture Mechanics to Aerospace Structures
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Foundations of linear elastic fracture mechanics of aerospace structure; calculation of stress intensity factors and energy release rates; crack growth under fatigue loading; ASTM standards for fracture testing; the role of fracture mechanics in the analysis and design of aerospace structures.
Prerequisite: AERO 304 or equivalent with a grade of C or better.

AERO 413 Aerospace Materials Science
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Relationship between aerospace engineering material properties and microstructure; mechanical and thermal properties; environmental degradation; mechanical failure.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 304.

AERO 417 Aerospace Propulsion
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Air breathing propulsion; design and analysis of inlets, compressors, combustors, turbines and nozzles; application to aeronautical and ground transportation.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 351.

AERO 419 Chemical Rocket Propulsion
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Nozzles and heat transfer in rockets, liquid and solid propellant systems; combustion and combustion stability; flight performance including trajectories, multistaging and exchange rate curves; rocket testing.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 351.

AERO 420 Aeroelasticity
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Classical analysis of fundamental aeroelastic phenomena with application to aerospace vehicles; flutter, divergence, control effectiveness.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 303, AERO 306, AERO 310.

AERO 422 Active Controls for Aerospace Vehicles
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to the Theory of Automatic Control specifically applied to aerospace vehicles; techniques for analysis and synthesis of linear control systems, stability criteria, systems response and performance criteria; design studies of active controls to improve aerospace vehicle performance.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 321.
AERO 423 Orbital Mechanics
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Rocket fundamentals; trajectories including aerodynamics, gravity turn and trajectory optimization, orbital mechanics, orbit lifetimes, three-body problem, orbit perturbations.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 310.

AERO 424 Spacecraft Attitude Dynamics and Control
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduces fundamental concepts of satellite attitude dynamics and control; includes derivations of environmental disturbances due to gravity gradient, aerodynamic, and solar radiation pressure; includes treatments of attitude control subsystems, such as thrusters, reaction wheels, CMGs, and magnetic torquers, and their designs.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 321.

AERO 425 Flight Test Engineering
Credits 3. 2 Lecture Hours. 3 Lab Hours.
Application of performance and stability and control theory to flight test measurements; standard atmosphere and airspeed equations for pilot-static system calibrations; flight test methods for evaluating performance, stability and control, and stall-spin characteristics; laboratory practice in planning and conducting small flight test project.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 321.

AERO 426 Space System Design
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduces prevailing practices and processes used in modern space system design; applies knowledge in component engineering disciplines to a design challenge of interest to NASA or DoD; utilizes instruction in systematic methods of design and on dynamics of teamwork; when possible concludes with detailed design using an engineering design facility.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 306, AERO 321, AERO 351.

AERO 428 Electromagnetic Sensing for Space-Borne Imaging
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Study IR and Visible range imaging systems to obtain high resolution imaging of objects from space; this area has numerous applications and areas of advanced development; following instruction in needed background on optics, telescopes, and interferometry, perform preliminary design of imaging system with a different imaging design offered each year.
Prerequisites: Grade of C or better in AERO 306, AERO 321, AERO 351.

AERO 430 Numerical Simulation
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Numerical and analytical simulation of physical problems in sciences and engineering using applied methods; developing and using numerical techniques for physical problems described by nonlinear algebraic equations, ordinary and partial differential equations.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 220 or MATH 417.

AERO 435 Aerothermochemistry
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Composition of chemically reacting gases (air and propellant); thermodynamic functions based on classical and quantum mechanical theories; calculation of gas temperatures; equilibrium, frozen and non-equilibrium flows through nozzles and shock waves.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 303.

AERO 440 Cockpit Systems and Displays
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Design, development, and implementation of cockpit systems and multifunction displays; cockpit system requirements and specifications; human-machine interfaces, Flight Management Systems, navigation and guidance systems; 3-D real-time displays of weather, traffic, and terrain; characteristics and missions of air vehicles; project design and cost analysis.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 321 or junior or senior classification in computer science.

AERO 445 Vehicle Management Systems
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Introduction to vehicle management systems for manned and unmanned air and space vehicles; system centric concepts, requirements definition, specifications, and architectures; reliability analysis, health monitoring, and mission management; SISO digital design of integrated flight control, propulsion control and structural control; introduction to vehicle autonomy; design and analysis methods, industrial examples.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 422.

AERO 451 Human Spaceflight Operations
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Essential aspects of human spaceflight operations as performed by NASA; in-depth understanding of the state-of-the-art in spacecraft operations, including spacecraft systems, ground and launch operations, mission management and on-orbit activities such as science, robotics, spacewalking and human health maintenance; applications to future space systems.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 321 or equivalent; senior classification.

AERO 452 Heat Transfer and Viscous Flows
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Navier-Stokes and boundary layer equations; exact and approximate solutions; laminar boundary layers; origin of turbulence; transition; turbulent boundary layers; viscous airfoil design; one and two dimensional heat transfer; methods for steady and transient heat conduction; thermal boundary layers; convection; and radiation.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 351.

AERO 472 Airfoil and Wing Design
Credits 3. 3 Lecture Hours.
Subsonic airfoil design and analysis, subsonic wing design and analysis, swept and delta wings, vortex lift, transonic flow methods, viscous transonic phenomena, transonic airfoil and wing design, supersonic panel methods, supersonic wing design, optimization.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in AERO 303.

AERO 481 Seminar
Credit 1. 1 Lecture Hour.
Readings, reports, conferences and discussion. Must be taken on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis.
Prerequisite: Senior classification in aerospace engineering.

AERO 485 Directed Studies
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Special problems in aerospace engineering assigned to individual students or groups.
Prerequisite: Junior or senior classification or approval of instructor.

AERO 489 Special Topics in...
Credits 1 to 4. 1 to 4 Lecture Hours. 0 to 4 Lab Hours.
Selected topics in an identified field of aerospace engineering. May be repeated for credit.
Prerequisite: Approval of instructor.
AERO 491 Research
Credits 0 to 4. 0 to 4 Other Hours.
Research conducted under the direction of faculty member in aerospace engineering. May be repeated 3 times for credit. 
Prerequisites: Junior or senior classification and approval of instructor.