AEROSPACE ENGINEERING (AERO)

AERO Courses

AERO 121. Aerospace Fundamentals. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Introduction to the engineering profession including the aeronautical and aerospace fields. Engineering approach to problem-solving and analysis of data obtained from experiments. Basic nomenclature and design criteria used in the aerospace industry. Applications to basic problems in the field. 1 lecture, 1 laboratory.

AERO 200. Special Problems for Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: Consent of department head.
Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 4 units.

AERO 215. Introduction to Aerospace Design. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: AERO 121, MATH 143, and IME 144. Recommended: CSC 111.
Introduction to problem solving techniques and team-centered design projects in aerospace engineering. Primary emphasis on the solutions of design problems in aerospace engineering using computers. 2 laboratories.

AERO 220. Aerospace Systems Engineering and Integration. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W
Prerequisite: AERO 121.
Project-based study of fundamental systems engineering concepts including sub-system interface requirements, verification and validation, modeling/analysis/design, and implementation of complex aerospace systems. 1 laboratory.

AERO 270. Selected Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Open to undergraduate students and consent of instructor.
Directed group study of selected topics. The Schedule of Classes will list title selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

AERO 299. Aerospace Thermodynamics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: ME 212. Corequisite: AERO 300. Recommended: AERO 215.
Basics of thermodynamics, energy, systems and control volume analysis. First law, second law, phase change and energy analysis for aerospace-relevant applications. Entropy and exergy, cycle analysis (Rankine, Brayton, turbojets and turbofans). Not open to students with credit in AERO 301. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 300. Aerospace Engineering Analysis. 5 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 215, MATH 244, ME 211, and PHYS 133.
Analytical methods for aerospace engineering problems. Topics include vector calculus, linear algebra, differential equations, Laplace transforms and Fourier series. Computer tools and numerical methods as applied to problems in aerodynamics, structures, stability and control and astronautics. 4 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 302. Aerospace Fluid Mechanics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: ME 212. Corequisite: AERO 300. Recommended: AERO 215; and AERO 299 or AERO 301.
Properties of fluids, statics, mass/energy/momentum for aeronautical applications, external aerodynamics (lift and drag), dimensional analysis for scale testing, introduction to differential analysis and Navier-Stokes equations, basics of laminar and turbulent boundary layers. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 303. Aerospace Gas Dynamics and Heat Transfer. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 299 or AERO 301; and AERO 302.
Basics of heat transfer and approaches to problem solving, steady heat conduction, convection (forced and natural), heat exchanger design, shock waves and compressible flow in nozzles and diffusers (normal, oblique, expansion waves), thermal radiation and applications. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 304. Experimental Aerothermodynamics. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 302, AERO 306, ENGL 149.
Wind tunnel testing of basic aerodynamic properties of airfoils, finite wings, aircraft or spacecraft models, and vehicle flight performance. Emphasis on both static and dynamic responses of aircraft. Various measurement techniques, data reduction schemes, and analysis methods. 2 laboratories.
AER 310. Air and Space. 4 units
GE Area F
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Junior standing and Completion of GE Area B.
Technological innovations that have led to modern aircraft and spacecraft as viewed from an historical perspective. Development of aerodynamics, propulsion systems, light-weight structures, and control systems. How aviation has affected, and been affected by, history. Impact of aviation on society, including civil and military aircraft/spaceship. Federal regulation of aviation, including air traffic control and airlines. Future developments in air and space technology. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as AERO/HNRS 310. Fulfills GE Area F.

AER 311. Aircraft Development History. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 215. Recommended: Sophomore standing.
Traces the engineering evolution of commercial and military aircraft from the Wright Flyer to modern designs. Studies include how aircraft design is driven by the combination of requirements, deterrents and advancing technologies resulting in the continuous innovation of configurations. 4 lectures.

AER 320. Fundamentals of Dynamics and Control. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 300 and ME 212.
Introduction to six degree of freedom rigid body dynamic and kinematic equations of motion, including coordinate transformations, Euler angles and quaternions for aerospace vehicles. Linearization and dynamic system theory and stability. Introduction to linear control theory, controller design and analysis. 4 lectures.

AER 321. Experimental Sensors, Actuators and Control. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F
Corequisite: AERO 320.
Experiments in translational and rotational dynamics, structural, thermal, and flow control. Comparison of modeling/simulation results to experimental data. Role of actuators, sensors, noise, feedback, and supporting instrumentation hardware and software. Introduction to technical communication. 1 laboratory.

AER 331. Aerospace Structural Analysis I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 300, CE 207, and ME 212.

AER 351. Introduction to Orbital Mechanics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 300 and ME 212.
Motion of a body in a central field. Keplerian Orbits. Orbital maneuvers. Interplanetary trajectories. 4 lectures.

AER 353. Spacecraft Environment. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 299 or AERO 301; AERO 300.
Effects of the space environment on a spacecraft and design considerations. Topics include the launch, vacuum, particulate, plasma, and radiation environments 4 lectures.

AER 354. Space Environment Laboratory. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: ENGL 149 and AERO 353.
Laboratory examples of the effects of the space environment on a spacecraft and design considerations. Topics include the launch, vacuum, particulate, plasma, and radiation environments. All topics are applied to how the environment affects spacecraft design considerations. 2 laboratories.

AER 360. Creative Problem Solving in Engineering Design. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: PSY 350.
The creative problem solving process for an engineering design team. How to explore context and causes as part of defining a design problem; the principles of brainstorming, synthesis, and judgment. Role of iteration, implementation, and communication. Importance of a diverse view, including: customers, products, processes, systems, ethics, and professional responsibility. Team-based applications to case studies and real-world engineering design problems. 2 laboratories.

AER 400. Special Problems for Advanced Undergraduates. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Individual investigation, research, studies, or surveys of selected problems. Total credit limited to 8 units.

AER 401. Propulsion Systems. 5 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 303, CHEM 124.
Power plant types, components, characteristics, and requirements. Principles of thrust and energy utilization. Thermodynamic processes and performance of turboprop, turboshift, turbofan, turbojet, ramjet, and rocket engines. 4 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AER 402. Spacecraft Propulsion Systems. 5 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 303, AERO 353 and CHEM 124.
Effects of the propulsion subsystem on spacecraft design. Introduction to air breathing propulsion systems. Topics include basic rocket performance, monopropellant thrusters, bipropellant thrusters, electric thrusters, thruster placement, plumbing, tank sizing and design, system layout, component design, and systems integration. 4 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AER 403. Spacecraft Propulsion System Design Laboratory. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 354.
Design, analysis, simulation, fabrication, and testing of propulsion components. 2 laboratories.
AERO 405. Supersonic and Hypersonic Aerodynamics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: AERO 303; and AERO 306 or AERO 353. 
Review of gas dynamics, shock-wave and boundary-layer interaction, 
aerodynamic design. 2-dimensional supersonic flows around thin airfoil; 
finite wing in supersonic flow. Local surface inclination methods for 
high-speed flight, boundary-layer and aerodynamic heating, viscous 
interactions. 4 lectures.

AERO 406. Applied Computational Fluid Dynamics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 302 and AERO 306. 
Application of Computational Fluid Dynamics to study a range of 
problems relating to applications in aerospace and automotive 
engineering. Grid generation, sources of errors in CFD studies, boundary 
conditions, 2D and 3D external flows, and turbulence modeling. 2 
lectures, 2 laboratories.

AERO 407. Reentry Aerodynamics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 303.  
Near planet environments. Transition from orbital to aero-dynamic 
motion. Aerodynamic heating and effects on design. 4 lectures.

AERO 409. Flight Test. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 306. Concurrent: AERO 320. 
Overview of flight tests, test equations, and supporting facilities. 
Principles of team-centered flight testing with applications to 
performance, stability and control, and avionics systems testing. Test 
planning, instrumentation, data analysis and reports. 2 lectures, 2 
laboratories.

AERO 420. Aircraft Dynamics and Control. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 306 and AERO 320. 
Newton’s 6-degree-of-freedom equations of motion applied to aerospace 
vehicles. Stability and control derivatives, reference frames, steady-state 
and perturbed dynamics analyses applied to aerospace vehicles. Stability 
and control design principles applied to transfer functions, state-space, 
and modal system dynamics. 4 lectures.

AERO 421. Spacecraft Attitude Dynamics and Control. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: AERO 320 and AERO 351.  
Introduction to spacecraft attitude dynamics and control. Momentum 
exchange devices and bang-bang thruster control. Orbit determination 
(GPS), maneuvers and station keeping. Fundamentals of guidance 
and navigation systems. Analysis and design of control systems for 
aerospace vehicles. 4 lectures.

AERO 425. Aircraft Performance. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: ME 212, AERO 306, AERO 300. 
Fundamentals of propeller and jet aircraft performance. Steady and 
accelerated flight. Equations of motion. Level flight, gliding, climbing, 
driftdown. Takeoff and landing. Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs). 
Range and endurance. Payload-range diagram. Maneuvering. V-n 
diagram. Turning and pull-ups. Stall and spin behavior. Energy methods. 4 
lectures.

AERO 431. Aerospace Structural Analysis II. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: AERO 331. 
Basic equations of elasticity with applications to typical aerospace 
structures. Concepts studied include analysis of aircraft and aerospace 
structures; airworthiness and airframe loads; structural constraints; 
elementary aeroelasticity; structural instability; introduction to modern 
fatigue; fracture mechanics; and composite structures analysis. 4 
lectures.

AERO 432. Advanced Composite Structures Analysis. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 331. 
Review of isotropic material behavior. Behavior of unidirectional fiber 
Analysis of laminated composites. Stresses and strains of composites. 
Strength and hygrothermal behavior of composite materials. 3 lectures, 1 
laboratory.

AERO 433. Experimental Stress Analysis. 1 unit  
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP  
Prerequisite: AERO 331, AERO 431. 
Employing the knowledge of stress analysis and aerospace structural 
analysis in an individual and group design project dealing with aerospace 
structures. 1 laboratory.

AERO 434. Aerospace Structural Analysis III. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 431. 
Analysis and design applications for aircraft and spacecraft structures. 
Stress concentrations, fatigue, and fracture mechanics. Structural 
dynamics. Framed structures, plates and shells. Composite applications. 
4 lectures.

AERO 435. Aerospace Numerical Analysis. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 300, AERO 331. 
Taylor series. Finite difference calculus. Interpolation and extrapolation. 
Finite difference method. Basic equations of elasticity. Global stiffness 
element. Finite element formulation. Dynamic analysis. 3 lectures, 1 
laboratory.
AERO 443. Aircraft Design I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F

Preliminary layout of a typical aircraft vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of a flight vehicle, including its structures and systems. Preparation of necessary drawings and a report. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories. Open to students enrolled in the multidisciplinary design minor.

AERO 444. Aircraft Design II. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 443 and senior standing.

Preliminary layout of a typical aircraft vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of a flight vehicle, including its structures and systems. Preparation of necessary drawings and a report. 3 laboratories.

AERO 445. Aircraft Design III. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 444 and senior standing.

Preliminary layout of a typical aircraft vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of a flight vehicle, including its structures and systems. Preparation of necessary drawings and a report. 3 laboratories.

AERO 446. Introduction to Space Systems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: ME 212; EE 201 and EE 251; and AERO 353.

Basic satellite types and their applications. Major subsystems of a satellite system including ground support and launch systems. Interactions between subsystems and their effects on the overall system design. Detailed analysis of key subsystems on a spacecraft with special emphasis on power and communications subsystems. 4 lectures.

AERO 447. Spacecraft Design I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: IME 144; AERO 215; AERO 303; AERO 331; AERO 351; AERO 420 or AERO 421; AERO 431; AERO 446; and senior standing. Concurrent: AERO 402. Recommended: AERO 353.

Preliminary layout of typical space vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of selected components and preparation of necessary drawings. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories. Open to students enrolled in the multidisciplinary design minor.

AERO 448. Spacecraft Design II. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 447.

Preliminary layout of typical space vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of selected components and preparation of necessary drawings. 3 laboratories. Open to students enrolled in the multidisciplinary design minor.

AERO 449. Spacecraft Design III. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 448.

Preliminary layout of typical space vehicle using design and calculation techniques developed in previous aerospace engineering courses. Design of selected components and preparation of necessary drawings. 3 laboratories. Open to students enrolled in the multidisciplinary design minor.

AERO 450. Introduction to Aerospace Systems Engineering. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: Senior standing or graduate standing.


AERO 452. Spaceflight Dynamics II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 351.

Relative orbital motion and rendezvous, linearization of the equations of motion. Clohessy-Wiltshire equations. Two-impulse rendezvous. Aspherocity of the earth, aerodynamic drag, solar radiation pressure, and n-body perturbations on an orbit. Encke, Cowell, and Variation of Parameters solution techniques. Speciality orbit due to perturbations such as low thrust trajectories, sun-synchronous, and molnyia orbits. 4 lectures.

AERO 460. Aerospace Engineering Professional Preparation. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Topics on professional development for student success including resume building and career prospecting, current events in the aerospace industry, graduate studies, engineering ethics, intellectual property, non-disclosure agreements, teamwork, and innovation and entrepreneurship. 1 activity.

AERO 463. Senior Project Laboratory I. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project by individuals or team which is typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project involves, but is not limited to, physical modeling and testing of integrated design and may include students from other disciplines. Formulation of outline, literature review, and project schedule. 2 laboratories. Note: although AERO 463, 464 substitute for AERO 461, 462, students may not use repeat credit for the purpose of increasing GPA.
AERO 464. Senior Project Laboratory II. 3 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Senior standing.

Selection and completion of a project by individuals or team which is typical of problems which graduates must solve in their fields of employment. Project involves, but is not limited to, physical modeling and testing of integrated design and may include students from other disciplines. Formulation of outline, literature review, and project schedule. 3 laboratories. Note: although AERO 463, 464 substitute for AERO 461, 462, students may not use repeat credit for the purpose of increasing GPA.

AERO 465. Aerospace Systems Senior Laboratory. 1 unit
Term Typically Offered: F, W, SP
Prerequisite: AERO 303, AERO 320, AERO 431 and senior standing.

Culminating laboratory based experience. Experiments require the integration of the many disciplines in Aerospace Engineering. The successful completion of each experiment requires synthesis and integration of the fundamental concepts of the engineering sciences. Experimentation in the areas of aeroelasticity, active vibration control, inertial navigation, thermal control, hardware-in-the-loop simulation, and momentum exchange. 1 laboratory.

AERO 470. Selected Advanced Topics. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 lectures.

AERO 471. Selected Advanced Laboratory. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

Directed group laboratory study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1 to 4 laboratories.

AERO 493. Cooperative Education Experience. 2 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor.

Part-time work experience in business, industry, government, and other areas of student career interest. Positions are paid and usually require relocation and registration in course for two consecutive quarters. Formal report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Credit/No Credit grading only. No major credit allowed; total credit limited to 6 units.

AERO 494. Cooperative Education Experience. 6 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor.

Full-time work experience in business, industry, government, and other areas of student career interest. Positions are paid and usually require relocation and registration in course for two consecutive quarters. Formal report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Credit/No Credit grading only. No major credit allowed; total credit limited to 18 units.

AERO 495. Cooperative Education Experience. 12 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Sophomore standing and consent of instructor.

Full-time work experience in business, industry, government, and other areas of student career interest. Positions are paid and usually require relocation and registration in course for two consecutive quarters. A more fully developed formal report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Credit/No Credit grading only. No major credit allowed; total credit limited to 24 units.

AERO 500. Individual Study. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Consent of department head, graduate advisor and supervising faculty member.

Advanced study planned and completed under the direction of a member of the department faculty. Open only to graduate students who have demonstrated ability to do independent work. Enrollment by petition. Total credit limited to 12 units.

AERO 510. Systems Engineering I. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 511. Systems Engineering II. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 510 or IME 510, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Risk management. Design strategies to meet system/mission requirements. Design for supportability, manufacturability, reliability, etc. Quality function development and quality control concepts. 4 lectures. Crosslisted as AERO/IME 511.

AERO 512. Aerospace Vehicle Software Application. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 510, AERO 546 and graduate standing.


AERO 513. Applications of Unmanned Aircraft Systems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Engineering development and analysis of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) as airborne tools for societal benefit. Use of UAS for military, public service, and commercial purposes. Characterization of missions and applications. Development of system requirements and concepts of operation. Evaluation of relative merits and limitations of UAS. 4 lectures.
AERO 515. Continuum Mechanics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 517. Multidisciplinary Design and Optimization. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Familiarity with programming in Matlab and graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Numerical optimization applied to the design of complex systems. Multi-criteria decision making, unconstrained and constrained optimization methods, system sensitivity analysis, system decomposition techniques, and multidisciplinary design optimization. 4 lectures.

AERO 519. Fundamentals of Vehicle Dynamics and Control. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 522. Boundary-Layer Theory. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 302, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Concept of boundary-layer. Boundary-layer equations, similarity transformation, integral and differential methods for steady, two-dimensional laminar and turbulent boundary layers. 4 lectures.

AERO 523. Turbulence. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 302, graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 525. Computational Fluid Dynamics. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 303, graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 526. Spacecraft Thermal/Fluid Control. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 299 or AERO 301; AERO 302; AERO 303; or graduate standing.


AERO 528. Laminar Flow Aircraft Development. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 307 and AERO 307; or graduate standing.

Fundamentals of laminar boundary layers in the design of aircraft. History and development of laminar flow aircraft. Modern approaches to designing for laminar flow. Analysis and testing of laminar flow designs and determination of practical limits for laminar flow application. 4 lectures.

AERO 529. Turbulence and Flow Control. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: AERO 306 and AERO 307; or graduate standing.

Physics and analysis of turbulence. Vorticity, mixing, jets, wakes, boundary layer transition, scales and structures. Effects of turbulence on noise and aerodynamics. Experiments and simulations in boundary layer transition, separation phenomena, passive and active flow control. Not open to students with credit in AERO 523. 2 lectures, 2 laboratories.

AERO 531. Airworthiness and Aeroelasticity. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: F  
Prerequisite: AERO 431 and Graduate standing.


AERO 532. Advanced Aerospace Composite Design. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: W  
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.


AERO 533. Finite Elements for Aerospace Structural Analysis. 4 units  
Term Typically Offered: SP  
Prerequisite: AERO 431.

Overview of theoretical and applied methods of finite element analysis for aerospace structures including composite and light weight structures. Topics include basic equations of elasticity, solutions of linear systems of equations transformation, global stiffness matrix, Bernoulli-Euler element, plane stress triangles, finite element formulation, isoparametric elements, alternative formulation, eigenvalue problems and dynamic analysis. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.
AERO 534. Aerospace Structural Dynamics Analysis. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.


AERO 535. Advanced Aerospace Structural Analysis. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Types of failure. Theories of failure. Stability of structures. Advanced flight vehicle and fracture mechanics analysis and design. Fundamentals and applications of modern fatigue analysis in the aerospace industry. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 540. Elements of Rocket Propulsion. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 303, AERO 401, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Thrust and impulse equations, propellant composition and mixture ratios, nozzle expansion ratios, solid and liquid propellant combustion, internal ballistics, thermo-chemical computations, chemical kinetics, and combustion instability, nozzle design and exhaust plumes. 4 seminars.

AERO 541. Air Breathing Propulsion. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 401, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Aerothermodynamics of propulsion systems, power plant selection and design, on-off design performance, component characterization, component design, component matching, optimization, and introduction to power plant and airframe integration systems for aircraft. 4 seminars.

AERO 546. Spacecraft Systems Design. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Spacecraft missions, vehicle types, and applications. Introduction and preliminary sizing of major subsystems of a space system. Introduction to and design drivers for space environments, propulsion system, power system, structural design, spacecraft dynamics and attitude control, orbit mechanics, thermal control, communications, and ground segments. 4 lectures.

AERO 551. Global Positioning Satellite Navigation Systems. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 420, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Principles of Global Positioning Satellite navigation systems. Kalman filter design and application to integrated navigation and guidance systems. Statistical evaluation and test methods in aerospace. Interactive computer simulations. 3 lectures, 1 laboratory.

AERO 553. Advanced Control Theory. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 320 and graduate standing.

Advanced control theory techniques. Analytical and computational methods applied to dynamic systems. State space system representation, solutions to dynamic systems, non-linear and linear stability analysis, full-state and output feedback, controllability and observability and advanced control topics (LQR/LQG, Kalman Filters, Adaptive Control, etc.). 4 lectures.

AERO 557. Advanced Orbital Mechanics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 351 and graduate standing.

Initial orbit determination using angles only methods. Various Solutions to Lambert’s Problem. Orbit and transfer optimization, libration points, halo orbits, and secondary orbit perturbations. 4 lectures.

AERO 560. Advanced Spacecraft Dynamics and Control. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 421 and graduate standing.

Attitude determination and control of rigid spacecraft via reaction wheels, control moment gyros and thrusters. Modeling, analysis and control of flexible spacecraft. Non-linear stability theory as applied to spacecraft. 4 lectures.

AERO 561. Vehicle Integration and Testing. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 446 and graduate standing or consent of instructor. Recommended: AERO 450.

Space vehicle integration requirements and procedures. Clean room requirements and operations. Quality control and inspection. Qualification and acceptance testing requirements. Test equipment. Vibration and shock testing. Space environment and thermal-vac testing. Development of test procedures. 1 lecture, 1 laboratory.

AERO 562. Space Operations. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 446 and graduate standing or consent of instructor. Recommended: AERO 450.


AERO 565. Advanced Topics in Aircraft Design. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 522 and graduate standing; or consent of instructor.

Application of advanced analytic engineering methods to aircraft design problems. Analysis and synthesis of advanced topics related to design of aircraft. 4 lectures.

AERO 566. Advanced Topics in Spacecraft Design. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: F
Prerequisite: AERO 510, AERO 546, and graduate standing.

Application of advanced engineering tools to the design of space vehicles. System architecture and mission design. Concept of operations. Requirements development and flow down. System and subsystems trade studies and preliminary design. 4 lectures.
AERO 567. Launch Vehicle and Missile Design. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 401, AERO 450, AERO 446, graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Basic launch vehicle/missile types. Launch vehicle subsystems and their interactions. Vehicle requirements development and flow down. Payload accommodations. System and subsystems trade studies and preliminary design. 4 lectures.

AERO 568. Aerodynamic Research and Development I. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: W
Prerequisite: AERO 307, AERO 406, and graduate standing. Recommended: AERO 525.

Immersive team-based approach to an aerodynamic research and development cycle. Theoretical work, preliminary design based upon computational fluid dynamics, and design of experiments. Advanced techniques in using a multi-variable wind tunnel. Validation of numerical work using correlation techniques. 2 laboratories.

AERO 569. Aerodynamic Research and Development II. 2 units
Term Typically Offered: SP
Prerequisite: AERO 568. Recommended: AERO 529.

Continuation of AERO 568. Single and multi-variable design optimization cycles based upon computational fluid dynamics. Numerical and experimental flow visualization, high-fidelity verification wind tunnel testing of optimized designs, and archival-quality technical reporting of aerodynamic data. 2 laboratories.

AERO 570. Selected Advanced Topics. 4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Directed group study of selected topics for graduate students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. The Schedule of Classes will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 4 lectures.

AERO 571. Selected Advanced Topics Laboratory. 1-4 units
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

Directed group laboratory study of selected topics for advanced students. Open to undergraduate and graduate students. Class Schedule will list topic selected. Total credit limited to 8 units. 1-4 laboratories.

AERO 593. Cooperative Education Experience. 2 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

Advanced study analysis and part-time work experience in student’s career field; current innovations, practices, and problems in administration, supervision, and organization of business, industry, and government. Must have demonstrated ability to do independent work and research in career field. Credit/No Credit grading only.

AERO 594. Cooperative Education Experience. 6 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: TBD
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

Advanced study analysis and full-time work experience in student’s career field; current innovations, practices, and problems in administration, supervision, and organization of business, industry, and government. Must have demonstrated ability to do independent work and research in career field. Credit/No Credit grading only.

AERO 595. Cooperative Education Experience. 12 units
CR/NC
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Graduate standing and consent of instructor.

Advanced study analysis and full-time work experience in student’s career field; current innovations, practices, and problems in administration, supervision, and organization of business, industry, and government. Must have demonstrated ability to do independent work and research in career field. A fully-developed formal report and evaluation by work supervisor required. Credit/No Credit grading only.

AERO 596. Culminating Experience in Space Systems Engineering. 5 units
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Performance of comprehensive systems analysis of a space system. Communication of the results and findings of such evaluations in written report and by oral presentation. Conducted under supervision of faculty.

AERO 599. Thesis (Design Project). 1-9 units
Term Typically Offered: F,W,SP,SU
Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

Each individual or group will be assigned a project for solution under faculty supervision as a requirement for the master’s degree, culminating in a written report/thesis.