Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics

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Courses Acceptable on Master’s Degree Programs in Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics (A E) (E M)

Refer to Courses and Curricula and Regulations of the Division of Graduate Affairs sections of this bulletin for explanation of the course numbering system, unit or credit hour, prerequisites, and related information.

Aerospace Engineering (A E)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

A E 520. Intermediate Aerospace Flight Mechanics (3)
Prerequisite: Aerospace Engineering 320.
Rigid-body dynamics with applications in spacecraft attitude dynamics.

A E 530. Rocket and Space Propulsion (3)
Prerequisite: Aerospace Engineering 430.
Equilibrium combustion thermodynamics. Performance of rocket propelled vehicles. Rocket propulsion fundamentals. Topics in chemical (solid and liquid) and electrical propulsion systems.

A E 540. Aircraft Stability and Control II (3)
Prerequisite: Aerospace Engineering 440.
Dynamic stability and control of rigid aircraft; general equations of unsteady motion, stability derivatives, perturbed state thrust forces and moment, special problems in dynamic stability and response.

A E 550. Viscous Flow (3)
Prerequisites: Credit or concurrent registration in Engineering Mechanics 340, and Engineering 510.

A E 596. Advanced Aerospace Engineering Topics (3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Modern developments in aerospace engineering. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit of six units for any combination of Aerospace Engineering or Engineering Mechanics 496, 499, and 596 applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

Engineering Mechanics (E M)

UPPER DIVISION COURSES

E M 510. Finite Element Methods in Aerospace Structures (3)
Prerequisite: Aerospace Engineering 410.
Static and dynamic analysis of aerospace structures utilizing finite element methods.

E M 530. Composite Structural Analysis (3)
Prerequisites: Engineering 280 and Civil Engineering 301 (or Mechanical Engineering 304).
Strength of composite materials; laminating theory; strength analysis of laminates; bending, buckling, and vibration of composite plates.

E M 596. Advanced Engineering Mechanics Topics (1-3)
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.
Modern developments in engineering mechanics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit of six units for any combination of Engineering Mechanics 496, 499, and 596 applicable to a bachelor’s degree. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

Aerospace Engineering (A E)

GRADUATE COURSES

A E 601. Computational Fluid Mechanics (3)
Prerequisites: Credit or concurrent registration in Aerospace Engineering 302 and Engineering 510.
Finite difference method of solving general fluid mechanics problems. Study of stability, convergence, compatibility, dissipation, and dispersion. A project is required.

A E 612. Compressible Fluid Flow (3)
Prerequisites: Aerospace Engineering 302 and credit or concurrent registration in Engineering 510.
Theory of flow at supersonic speeds. Linearized theory, three-dimensional wings in steady flight, slender-body theory, methods of characteristics.

A E 620. Incompressible Aerodynamics (3)
Prerequisites: Aerospace Engineering 301 and Engineering 510.
Theory of incompressible aerodynamics; airfoil and wing theory; computational methods.

A E 644. Turbulent Flow (3)
Nature of turbulence based on simple flow observations and a theoretical basis for interpreting and predicting the behaviors of specialized turbulent flow problems.

A E 696. Advanced Topics in Aerospace Engineering (2-3)
Intensive study in specific areas of aerospace engineering. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

A E 797. Research (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of graduate adviser.
Research in engineering. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

A E 798. Special Study (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of staff; to be arranged with department chair and instructor.
Individual study. Maximum credit three units applicable to a master’s degree.
A E 799A. Thesis or Project (3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisites: An officially appointed thesis committee and advancement to candidacy.
Preparation of a project or thesis for the master’s degree.

A E 799B. Thesis or Project Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Prior registration in Thesis or Project 799A with an assigned grade symbol of RP.
Registration required in any semester or term following assignment of RP in Course 799A in which the student expects to use the facilities and resources of the university; also student must be registered in the course when the completed thesis is granted final approval.

A E 799C. Comprehensive Examination Extension (0) Cr/NC
Prerequisite: Completion or concurrent enrollment in degree program courses.
Registration required of students whose only requirement is completion of the comprehensive examination for the master’s degree. Registration in 799C limited to two semesters.

Engineering Mechanics (E M)

E M 600. Seminar (1-3)
Prerequisites: Consent of the graduate adviser and instructor.
Intensive study of one of the following topics: Nonlinear vibrations, random vibrations, continuum mechanics, anisotropic elasticity, energy methods, plasticity, and other areas of engineering mechanics. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.

E M 611. Vibration of Elastic Solids (3)
Prerequisites: Engineering 510 and Aerospace Engineering 410 or Mechanical Engineering 520.
Vibrational characteristics of elastic media. Vibration of plates. Longitudinal and transverse wave motion in infinite, semi-infinite and finite thickness media.

E M 621. Theory of Elasticity (3)
Prerequisites: Civil Engineering 301 (or Mechanical Engineering 304) and credit or concurrent registration in Engineering 510.
Analysis of stress and strain: stress-strain relations; the equations of elasticity; uniqueness theorem; compatibility conditions; flexure and torsion.

E M 641. Structural Optimization (3)
Prerequisites: Aerospace Engineering 310 and Engineering Mechanics 510.
Analytical and numerical methods for structural optimization. Optimization problem formulation; optimization using calculus of variations; linear programming; nonlinear optimization; global optimization; generalized optimality criteria and dual methods; sensitivity analysis; multilevel and decomposition techniques; shape and topology optimization.

E M 696. Advanced Topics in Aerospace Structures (1-3)
Advanced topics in aerospace structural mechanics and design to include non-linear elasticity, plasticity, analysis of plates and shells, fracture mechanics, thermal stress analysis, fatigue analysis, non-linear aeroelasticity, advanced optics in finite element methods, structural optimization and reliability analysis. May be repeated with new content. See Class Schedule for specific content. Credit for 596 and 696 applicable to a master’s degree with approval of the graduate adviser.

E M 727. Theory of Elastic Stability (3)
Prerequisite: Engineering Mechanics 621.

E M 731. Aeroelasticity (3)
Prerequisites: Engineering Mechanics 611 and Aerospace Engineering 620.
Fluid-structure interaction and its static and dynamic effects on airplanes. Unsteady aerodynamics, static aeroelastic instability (divergence), aileron reversal, sweep effects, doublet lattice method, dynamic aeroelastic instability (flutter), computational dynamic aeroelasticity using NASTRAN.

E M 797. Research (1-3) Cr/NC/RP
Prerequisite: Consent of graduate adviser.
Research in engineering. Maximum credit six units applicable to a master’s degree.