AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Undergraduate Study
For undergraduate curriculum in aerospace engineering leading to the degree bachelor of science. The Aerospace Engineering program is accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, http://www.abet.org/.

The aerospace engineer is primarily concerned with the design, analysis, testing, and overall operation of vehicles which operate in air and space. The curriculum is designed to provide the student with an education in the fundamental principles of aerodynamics, flight dynamics, propulsion, structural mechanics, flight controls, design, testing, and space technologies. A wide variety of opportunities awaits the aerospace engineering graduate in research, development, design, production, sales, and management in the aerospace industry, and in many related industries in which fluid flow, control, structural, and transportation challenges play major roles.

Make To Innovate (M:2:I) is an exciting new program in the Aerospace Engineering Department that engages students in hands-on projects to augment their understanding of engineering fundamentals.

A cooperative education program in aerospace engineering is available in cooperation with government agencies and industry. The usual four-year curriculum is extended for students who participate in alternating industrial experience periods and academic periods. This arrangement offers valuable practical experience and financial assistance during the college years.

Undergraduate Mission and Educational Objectives
The Department of Aerospace Engineering maintains an internationally recognized academic program in aerospace engineering via ongoing consultation with students, faculty, industry, and aerospace professionals. Results of these consultations are used in a process of continuous academic improvement to provide the best possible education for our students.

Mission statement:
The mission of the aerospace engineering program is to prepare the aerospace engineering student for a career with wide-ranging opportunities in research, development, design, production, sales, and management in the aerospace industry and in the many related industries which are involved with the solution of multi-disciplinary, advanced technology problems.

Program Educational Objectives:
The objectives of the Aerospace Engineering program at ISU are to produce graduates:

- Who actively contribute to the field of aerospace, related fields or other disciplines;
- Are critical thinkers and lifelong learners; and
- Are aware of the societal, economic and environmental impact of their work.

Curriculum in Aerospace Engineering
Leading to the degree bachelor of science.

Total credits required: 129.0.
Any transfer credit courses applied to the degree program require a grade of C or better (but will not be calculated into the ISU cumulative GPA, Basic Program GPA or Core GPA). See also Basic Program and Special Programs. Note: Department does not allow Pass/Not Pass credits to be used to meet graduation requirements for either required or elective courses.

International Perspectives ¹ : 3 cr.
U.S. Diversity ¹ : 3 cr.
Communication Proficiency/Library requirement:

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General Education Electives: 12.0 cr. ²
Complete 12 cr. General Education Electives are requirements for graduation so may not be taken on a P-NP basis.

Basic Program: 24 cr.
A minimum GPA of 2.00 required for this set of courses (please note that transfer course grades will not be calculated into the Basic Program GPA). See Requirement for Entry into Professional Program in College of Engineering Overview section.

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### Math and Physical Science: 13 cr.

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### Aerospace Engineering Core: 44 cr.

A minimum GPA of 2.00 required for this set of courses, including any transfer courses (please note that transfer course grades will not be calculated into the Core GPA):

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Technical Electives, 3 cr. and Career Electives, 6 cr. selected from preceding Aer E list or departmental-approved 300-level or above courses relevant to technical and career areas.

### Seminar/Co-op/Internships/Flight Experience:

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Co-op and internships are optional.

1. These university requirements will add to the minimum credits of the program unless the university-approved courses are also allowed by the department to meet other course requirements within the degree program. U.S. diversity and international perspectives courses may not be taken Pass/Not Pass.

2. Choose from department approved list. (http://www.aere.iastate.edu/students/undergraduate_program)
3. See Basic Program for Professional Engineering Curricula for accepted substitutions for curriculum designated courses in the Basic Program.

See also: A 4-year plan of study grid showing course template by semester.

Aerospace Engineering, B.S.

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Nondestructive Evaluation (NDE)
The NDE Minor is multidisciplinary and open to undergraduates in the College of Engineering.

Graduate Study

The department offers graduate programs that lead to the degrees master of engineering, master of science, and doctor of philosophy with major in aerospace engineering and minor work to students taking major work in other departments. For all graduate degrees, it is possible to establish a co-major program with another graduate degree-granting department. Within the aerospace program, students can specialize in one or more of the following areas: aerospace systems design, atmospheric and space flight dynamics, computational fluid dynamics, control systems, wind engineering, fluid mechanics, optimization, structural analysis, and non-destructive evaluation.

Master of Science and Master of Engineering

The Master of Science degree requires a thesis and has strong research emphasis. The Master of Science degree is recommended for students who anticipate entering a doctoral program later. The Master of Engineering degree does not require either research credits or a thesis and is intended for students who do not anticipate pursuing a doctoral degree. The Master of Engineering degree can be completed with coursework only or with a combination of coursework and creative component. Credits for creative component will be obtained by registering for AerE 599 Creative Component. A written report and an oral presentation will be given to the student’s graduate committee.

At least 30 credits of acceptable graduate work are required for both the Master of Science and the Master of Engineering degrees. For specific course, research, and creative component requirements, see the departmental Graduate Student Handbook.

Bachelor of Science/Master of Science Concurrent Degree Program

The department offers concurrent BS/MS and BS/ME degree programs and a concurrent BS/MBA degree program which offer an opportunity for well-qualified Iowa State juniors and seniors to begin working on a master's degree before completing a bachelor's degree. The concurrent degree programs reduce by one year the normal time period for completing both degrees separately.

Preparation for Graduate Work

The normal prerequisite for major graduate work in aerospace engineering is the completion of an undergraduate curriculum substantially equivalent to that required of aerospace engineering students at this university. Due to the diversity of interests of aerospace
faculty, students whose prior undergraduate or graduate education has been in allied engineering and/or scientific fields may also qualify. In such cases, it may be necessary for the student to take additional work to provide the requisite aerospace background. A prospective graduate student is urged to specify the degree program and the specific field(s) of interest on the application for admission.

Courses are offered at the times stated in the course description. Where no specific time of offering is stated, the course may be offered during any semester provided there is sufficient demand.

**Graduate Minor Work**

Minor work for aerospace engineering majors is usually selected from mathematics, physics, electrical engineering, engineering mechanics, mechanical engineering, materials science, meteorology, computer science, and computer engineering.

**Courses primarily for undergraduates:**

**AER E 160: Aerospace Engineering Problems With Computer Applications Laboratory**

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: MATH 143 or satisfactory scores on mathematics placement examinations; credit or enrollment in MATH 165  

**AER E 160H: Aerospace Engineering Problems With Computer Applications Laboratory: Honors**

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: MATH 143 or satisfactory scores on mathematics placement examinations; credit or enrollment in MATH 165  

**AER E 161: Numerical, Graphical and Laboratory Techniques for Aerospace Engineering**

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in AER E 160 or equivalent course  
Computer-based problem solving using Matlab(R), with emphasis on numerical methods. Introduction to solid modeling and aerospace design using SolidWorks.

**AER E 161H: Numerical, Graphical and Laboratory Techniques for Aerospace Engineering: Honors**

(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: AER E 160 or equivalent course  
Computer-based problem solving using Matlab(R), with emphasis on numerical methods. Introduction to solid modeling and aerospace design using SolidWorks.

**AER E 192: Aerospace Seminar**

Cr. R. S.  
Vectors, differentiation, integration, matrices, and systems of linear equations.

**AER E 192H: Aerospace Seminar: Honors.**

Cr. R. S.  
Vectors, differentiation, integration, matrices, and systems of linear equations.

**AER E 261: Introduction to Performance and Design**

(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: MATH 166, PHYS 221, credit or enrollment in AER E 161  
Aerodynamics of the airplane, lift and drag, drag polar, propulsion characteristics of turbojets and piston props, level flight, range, endurance, climbing flight, turning flight, take-off and landing, design examples.

**AER E 265: Scientific Balloon Engineering and Operations**

(Cross-listed with MTEOR). (0-2) Cr. 1. Repeatable. F.  
Engineering aspects of scientific balloon flights. Integration of science mission objectives with engineering requirements. Operations team certification. FAA and FCC regulations, communications, and command systems. Flight path prediction and control.

**AER E 290: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Independent Study**

Cr. 1-2. Repeatable.  
Prereq: Sophomore classification, approval of the department

**AER E 290A: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight ground instruction**

Cr. 1-2. Repeatable.  
Prereq: Sophomore classification, approval of the department

**AER E 290B: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: In-flight training**

Cr. 1-2. Repeatable.  
Prereq: AER E 301

**AER E 290C: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Other**

Cr. 1-2. Repeatable.  
Prereq: AER E 301
AER E 294: Make to Innovate I
Cr. 1. Repeatable, maximum of 3 credits. F.S.
Prereq: Restricted to Freshman and Sophomore classifications, Instructor permission required.
Multidisciplinary projects to engage students in the fundamentals of engineering, project management, systems engineering, teamwork, and oral and visual communication. Students will define and attain their team objectives and milestones that are approved by the instructor. Can only be used toward graduation in these cases. To make credit deficiencies in 100 or 200 level courses. No more than 2 credits of Aer E 294X can be used to make-up credit deficiencies in 100 or 200 level courses. Cannot be used in any category or technical electives in the Aer E curriculum.

AER E 301: Flight Experience
Cr. R. F.S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in AER E 355
Two hours of in-flight training and necessary ground instruction. Course content prescribed by the Aerospace Engineering Department. Ten hours of flight training certified in a pilot log book can be considered by the course instructor as evidence of satisfactory performance in the course. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

AER E 310: Aerodynamics I: Incompressible Flow
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: Grade of C- or better in AER E 261 and MATH 265

AER E 311: Aerodynamics II: Compressible Flow
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: AER E 310, M E 231

AER E 321: Flight Structures Analysis
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: E M 324, Credit or enrollment in MATH 266 or 267

AER E 322: Aerospace Structures Laboratory
(1-2) Cr. 2. F.S.
Prereq: Credit or enrollment in AER E 321

AER E 331: Flight Control Systems I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: AER E 355
Linear system analysis. Control system designs using root-locus and frequency response methods. Applications in flight control systems.

AER E 344: Aerodynamics and Propulsion Laboratory
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: AER E 310, Coreq: AER E 311

AER E 351: Astrodynamics I
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: E M 345

AER E 355: Aircraft Flight Dynamics and Control
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: AER E 261, MATH 267, E M 345
Aircraft rigid body equations of motion, linearization, and modal analysis. Longitudinal and lateral-directional static and dynamic stability analysis. Flight handling characteristics analysis. Longitudinal and lateral-directional open loop response to aircraft control inputs. Aircraft flight handling qualities.

AER E 361: Computational Techniques for Aerospace Design
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.
Prereq: AER E 310, MATH 267, E M 324, E M 345
Advanced programming, workstation environment, and development of computational tools for aerospace analysis and design. Technical report writing.
AER E 362: Aerospace Systems Integration  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.  
**Prereq:** Junior standing in Aerospace Engineering or permission of instructor  
Emphasis on impact of component interfaces in aerospace systems. Understand how changes in variables associated with individual components impact the performance of the aerospace system. Specific integration challenges include: capturing implicit disciplinary interactions (e.g. structures/aerodynamics, propulsion/aerodynamics, etc.), propagating tolerances through the system (i.e. uncertainty modeling), balancing component attributes in the system objective.

AER E 381: Introduction to Wind Energy  
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
**Prereq:** MATH 166, PHYS 221  
Basic introduction to the fundamentals of Wind Energy and Wind Energy conversion systems. Topics include but not limited to various types of wind energy conversion systems and the aerodynamics, blade and tower structural loads, kinematics of the blades and meteorology.

AER E 396: Summer Internship  
Cr. R. Repeatable. SS.  
**Prereq:** Permission of department and Engineering Career Services  
Professional work period of at least 10 weeks during the summer. Students must register for this course prior to commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

AER E 398: Cooperative Education  
Cr. R. Repeatable. F.S.  
**Prereq:** Permission of department and Engineering Career Services.  
Professional work period. One semester per academic or calendar year. Students must register for this course prior to commencing work. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

AER E 411: Aerospace Vehicle Propulsion I  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.  
**Prereq:** AER E 311, AER E 344  

AER E 412: Aerospace Vehicle Propulsion II  
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
**Prereq:** AER E 311  

AER E 417: Experimental Mechanics  
(Dual-listed with AER E 517). (Cross-listed with E M). (2-2) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.  
**Prereq:** E M 324; MAT E 273  
Introduction to fundamental concepts for force, displacement, stress and strain measurements for structures and materials applications. Strain gage theory and application. Full field deformation measurements with laser interferometry and digital image processing. Advanced experimental concepts at the micro- and nano-scale regimes. Selected laboratory experiments.

AER E 421: Advanced Flight Structures  
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
**Prereq:** AER E 321, MATH 266 or MATH 267  
Analysis of indeterminate flight structures including finite element laboratory. Static analysis of complex structural components subject to thermal and aerodynamic loads. Analytical and finite element solutions for stresses and displacements of membrane, plane stress, plate structures. Buckling of beams, frames, and plate structures. Introduction to vibration of flight structures. Steady state and transient structural response using normal modal analysis.

AER E 422: Vibrations and Aeroelasticity  
(3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.  
**Prereq:** E M 324 or AER E 321  

AER E 423: Composite Flight Structures  
(2-2) Cr. 3. S.  
**Prereq:** E M 324; MAT E 273  
Fabrication, testing and analysis of composite materials used in flight structures. Basic laminate theory of beams, plates and shells. Manufacturing and machining considerations of various types of composites. Testing of composites for material properties, strength and defects. Student projects required.

AER E 426: Design of Aerospace Structures  
(Dual-listed with AER E 526). (2-2) Cr. 3. F.  
**Prereq:** E M 324  
Detailed design and analysis of aerospace vehicle structures. Material selection, strength, durability and damage tolerance, and validation analysis. Design for manufacturability.
AER E 432: Flight Control Systems II  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: AER E 331  

AER E 433: Spacecraft Dynamics and Control  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: EM 345  
Three-dimensional rotational kinematics and attitude dynamics of a rigid body in space. Stability analysis of a spinning spacecraft with or without energy dissipation. Attitude dynamics and stability of a satellite in circular orbit. Introduction to spacecraft attitude determination and control systems (ADCS). Simulation of spacecraft attitude-dynamics and control problems of practical interest using MATLAB.

AER E 442: V/STOL Aerodynamics and Performance  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: AER E 261  
Introduction to the aerodynamics, performance, stability, control and critical maneuvering characteristics of V/STOL vehicles. Topics include hovercrafts, jet flaps, ducted fans and thrust vectored engines.

AER E 446: Computational Fluid Dynamics  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: AER E 311, AER E 361 and proficiency in at least one programming language  

AER E 448: Fluid Dynamics of Turbomachinery  
(Cross-listed with M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.  
Prereq: AER E 311 or M E 335  
Applications of principles of fluid mechanics and thermodynamics in performance analysis and design of turbomachines. Conceptual and preliminary design of axial and radial flow compressors and turbines using velocity triangles and through-flow approaches.

AER E 451: Astrodynamics II  
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: AER E 351  
Orbit determination and prediction using Gribb’s and Gauss’ methods. Advanced orbit maneuvers, triple-, and fixed-impulse; universal variables; Kepler’s problem. Earth gravity field models and gravity harmonics, orbit perturbations, advanced dynamics, variational methods, relative orbital mechanics, and Clohessy-Wiltshire equations.

AER E 452: Introduction To Systems Engineering And Analysis  
(Cross-listed with I E). Cr. 3. SS.  
Prereq: Junior Classification in an Engineering Major  
Principles of systems engineering to include problem statement formulation, stakeholder analysis, requirements definition, system architecture and concept generation, system integration and interface management, verification and validation, and system commissioning and decommissioning operations. Introduction to discrete event simulation processes. Students will work in groups to propose, research, and present findings for a systems engineering topic of current relevance.

AER E 461: Modern Design Methodology with Aerospace Applications  
(2-2) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: AER E 361, AER E 311, AER E 321, AER E 322, AER E 344, AER E 351, AER E 355  
Introduction to modern engineering design methodology. Computational constrained optimal design approach including selection of objective function, characterization of constraint system, materials and strength considerations, and sensitivity analyses.

AER E 462: Design of Aerospace Systems  
(1-4) Cr. 3. F.S.  
Prereq: AER E 461  
Fundamental principles used in engineering design of aircraft, missile, and space systems. Preliminary design of aerospace vehicles. Engineering Ethics.

AER E 463: Introduction to Multidisciplinary Design Optimization  
(Dual-listed with AER E 563). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.  
Prereq: senior standing in College of Engineering or permission of instructor  
Introduction to the theory and methods of Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO), including system coupling, system sensitivity methods, decomposition methods, MDO formulations (such as multi-discipline feasible (MDF), individual discipline feasible (IDF) and all-at-once (AAO) approaches, and MDO search methods.
AER E 464: Spacecraft Systems
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 351
An examination of spacecraft systems including attitude determination and control, power, thermal control, communications, propulsion, guidance, navigation, command and data handling, and mechanisms. Explanation of space and operational environments as they impact spacecraft design. Includes discussion of safety, reliability, quality, maintainability, testing, cost, legal, and logistics issues.

AER E 466: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design
(Cross-listed with A B E, B M E, CPR E, E E, ENGR, I E, M E, MAT E). (1-4) Cr. 3. Repeatable. F.S.
Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation; permission of instructor.
Application of team design concepts to projects of a multidisciplinary nature. Concurrent treatment of design, manufacturing, and life cycle considerations. Application of design tools such as CAD, CAM, and FEM. Design methodologies, project scheduling, cost estimating, quality control, manufacturing processes. Development of a prototype and appropriate documentation in the form of written reports, oral presentations and computer models and engineering drawings.

AER E 467: Multidisciplinary Engineering Design II
Prereq: Student must be within two semesters of graduation or receive permission of instructor.
Build and test of a conceptual design. Detail design, manufacturability, test criteria and procedures. Application of design tools such as CAD, CAM and manufacturing techniques such as rapid prototyping. Development and testing of a full-scale prototype with appropriate documentation in the form of design journals, written reports, oral presentations and computer models and engineering drawings.

AER E 468: Large-Scale Complex Engineered Systems (LSCES)
(Dual-listed with AER E 568). (Cross-listed with I E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: senior standing in College of Engineering or permission of AerE 468 instructor
Introduction to the theoretical foundation and methods associated with the design for large-scale complex engineered systems, including objective function formation, design reliability, value-driven design, product robustness, utility theory, economic factors for the formation of a value function and complexity science as a means of detecting unintended consequences in the product behavior.

AER E 480: Ultrasonic Nondestructive Evaluation
(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E M 324, MATH 266 or MATH 267, PHYS 222
Introduction to stress/strain, Hooke's law, and elastic wave propagation in two dimensions in isotropic media. Ultrasonic plane-wave reflection and transmission; and simple straight-crested guided waves. Transducer construction, behavior, and performance. Simple signal analysis and discrete signal processing. The last few weeks of the course are devoted to case studies.

AER E 481: Advanced Wind Energy: Technology and Design
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 381 or senior classification in engineering or junior in engineering with a course in fluid mechanics
Advanced topics in wind energy, emphasis on current practices. Theoretical foundations for horizontal and vertical axis wind turbine. Design codes for energy conversion systems design, aerodynamic and structural load estimation, wind resource characterization wind farm design, optimization.

AER E 483: Aeroacoustics
(Dual-listed with AER E 583). Cr. 3.
Prereq: AER E 311 or M E 335; and MATH 266 or MATH 267
Noise metrics, Linear wave equation and its solution in 1-, 2-, and 3-D using Green’s functions. Propagation of sound in free and confined spaces. Aerodynamic noise sources in engineering machines: aircraft engine noise, airfram noise, wind turbine noise, etc.

AER E 490: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490A: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aero and/or Gas Dynamics
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490B: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Propulsion
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490C: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aerospace Structures
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490D: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Dynamics
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department
AER E 490E: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Spacecraft Systems
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490F: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Control Systems
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490G: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aeroelasticity
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490H: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Independent Study, Honors
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490I: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Design
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490K: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Wind Engineering
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 490O: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Other
Cr. 1-6. Repeatable.
Prereq: Junior or senior classification, approval of the department

AER E 494: Make to Innovate II
Cr. 2-3. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times. F.S.
Prereq: Restricted to Junior or Senior classifications, Instructor permission required.
Multidisciplinary projects to engage students in the fundamentals of engineering, project management, systems engineering, teamwork, and oral and visual communication. Students will define and attain their team objectives and milestones that are approved by their instructors. Maximum of 6 credits may count toward graduation as Technical Elective.

AER E 499: Senior Project
Cr. 1-2. Repeatable. F.S.
Prereq: Senior classification, credit or enrollment in AER E 491
Development of aerospace principles and concepts through individual research and projects. Written report.

Courses primarily for graduate students, open to qualified undergraduates:

AER E 501: Advanced Engineering Analysis
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: Math 267 or equivalent
Linear ordinary differential equations with variable coefficients; hyperbolic, parabolic, and elliptic equations; tensors. None

AER E 511: Wind Energy System Design
(Cross-listed with WESEP). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: WESEP 501 and WESEP 502
Advanced design, control, and operation of wind plants. Topics include electromechanical energy conversion systems, aerodynamic and aeroelastic loads, optimal control of wind farms, life cycle management strategies, tall tower design, and prediction of component residual life.

AER E 514: Advanced Mechanics of Materials
(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E M 324

AER E 517: Experimental Mechanics
(Dual-listed with AER E 417). (Cross-listed with E M). (2-2) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: E M 324; MAT E 273
Introduction to fundamental concepts for force, displacement, stress and strain measurements for structures and materials applications. Strain gage theory and application. Full field deformation measurements with laser interferometry and digital image processing. Advanced experimental concepts at the micro- and nano-scale regimes. Selected laboratory experiments.

AER E 521: Airframe Analysis
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 421 or E M 424
Analysis of static stresses and deformation in continuous aircraft structures. Various analytical and approximate methods of analysis of isotropic and anisotropic plates and shells.
AER E 522: Design and Analysis of Composite Materials
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E M 324
Composite constituent materials, micro-mechanics, laminate analysis, hygro-thermal analysis, composite failure, joining of composites, design of composite beams and plates, honeycomb core, manufacturing of composites, short fiber composites, and demonstration laboratory.

AER E 524: Numerical Mesh Generation
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MATH 385, proficiency in programming
Introduction to modern mesh generation techniques. Structured and unstructured mesh methods, algebraic and PDE methods, elliptic and hyperbolic methods, variational methods, error analysis, Delaunay triangulation, data structures, geometric modeling with B-spline and NURBS surfaces, surface meshing.

AER E 525: Finite Element Analysis
(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E M 425, MATH 385
Variational and weighted residual approach to finite element equations. Emphasis on two- and three-dimensional problems in solid mechanics. Isoparametric element formulation, higher order elements, numerical integration, imposition of constraints and penalty, convergence, and other more advanced topics. Use of two- and three-dimensional computer programs. Dynamic and vibrational problems, eigenvalues, and time integration. Introduction to geometric and material nonlinearities.

AER E 526: Design of Aerospace Structures
(Dual-listed with AER E 426). (2-2) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E M 324
Detailed design and analysis of aerospace vehicle structures. Material selection, strength, durability and damage tolerance, and validation analysis. Design for manufacturability.

AER E 531: Automatic Control of Flight Vehicles
(3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 331
Applications of classical and modern linear control theory to automatic control of flight vehicles. Spacecraft attitude control. Control of flexible vehicles. Linear-quadratic regulator design applications.

AER E 532: Compressible Fluid Flow
(Cross-listed with M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 310, 311 or equivalent

AER E 541: Incompressible Flow Aerodynamics
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 310 or M E 335 or equivalent

AER E 545: Experimental Flow Mechanics and Heat Transfer
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 310 or M E 335 or E M 378
Similitude and dimensional analysis. Measurement uncertainty analysis; Fluid mechanical apparatus: wind tunnel and water tunnels. Various experimental techniques widely used for fluid mechanics, aerodynamics, heat transfer, and combustion studies: Pressure gauge and transducers; Pitot tube; hot wire anemometry; Shadowgraph and Schlieren Photography; laser Doppler velocimetry; particle image velocimetry (PIV); advanced PIV techniques (stereo PIV, 3-D PIV, Tomographic PIV, Holograph PIV and microscopic PIV); laser induced fluorescence; pressure sensitive painting, temperature sensitive painting; molecular tagging velocimetry; molecular tagging thermometry. Extensive applications and laboratory experiments will be included.

AER E 546: Computational Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer I
(Cross-listed with M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 310 or M E 335, and programming experience

AER E 547: Computational Fluid Mechanics and Heat Transfer II
(Cross-listed with M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 546 or equivalent
Application of computational methods to current problems in fluid mechanics and heat transfer. Methods for solving the Navier-Stokes and reduced equation sets such as the Euler, boundary layer, and parabolized forms of the conservation equations. Introduction to relevant aspects of grid generation and turbulence modeling.

AER E 551: Orbital Mechanics
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 351
AER E 556: Guidance and Navigation of Aerospace Vehicles
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: AER E 331

AER E 563: Introduction to Multidisciplinary Design Optimization
(Dual-listed with AER E 463). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: senior standing in College of Engineering or permission of instructor
Introduction to the theory and methods of Multidisciplinary Design Optimization (MDO), including system coupling, system sensitivity methods, decomposition methods, MDO formulations (such as multi-discipline feasible (MDF), individual discipline feasible (IDF) and all-at-once (AAO) approaches, and MDO search methods.

AER E 564: Fracture and Fatigue
(Cross-listed with E M, M E, M S E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. F., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: E M 324 and either MAT E 216 or MAT E 273 or MAT E 392.
Undergraduates: Permission of instructor
Materials and mechanics approach to fracture and fatigue. Fracture mechanics, brittle and ductile fracture, fracture and fatigue characteristics, fracture of thin films and layered structures. Fracture and fatigue tests, mechanics and materials designed to avoid fracture or fatigue.

AER E 565: Systems Engineering and Analysis
(Cross-listed with E E, I E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: Coursework in basic statistics
Introduction to organized multidisciplinary approach to designing and developing systems. Concepts, principles, and practice of systems engineering as applied to large integrated systems. Life-cycle costing, scheduling, risk management, functional analysis, conceptual and detail design, test evaluation, and systems engineering planning and organization. Not available for degrees in industrial engineering

AER E 566: Avionics Systems Engineering
(Cross-listed with E E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E E 565
Avionics functions. Applications of systems engineering principles to avionics. Top-down design of avionics systems. Automated design tools.

AER E 568: Large-Scale Complex Engineered Systems (LSCES)
(Dual-listed with AER E 468). (Cross-listed with I E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: senior standing in College of Engineering or permission of AerE 468 instructor
Introduction to the theoretical foundation and methods associated with the design for large-scale complex engineered systems, including objective function formation, design reliability, value-driven design, product robustness, utility theory, economic factors for the formation of a value function and complexity science as a means of detecting unintended consequences in the product behavior.

AER E 569: Mechanics of Composite and Combined Materials
(Cross-listed with E M, M S E). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered even-numbered years.
Prereq: E M 324

AER E 570: Wind Engineering
(Cross-listed with E M). (3-0) Cr. 3. Alt. S., offered odd-numbered years.
Prereq: E M 378, E M 345
Atmospheric circulations, atmospheric boundary layer wind, bluff-body aerodynamics, aeroelastic phenomena, wind-tunnel and full-scale testing, wind-load code and standards, effect of tornado and thunderstorm winds, design applications.

AER E 572: Turbulence
(Cross-listed with CH E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: AER E 541 or M E 538

AER E 573: Random Signal Analysis and Kalman Filtering
(Cross-listed with E E, M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E E 324 or AER E 331 or M E 370 or M E 411 or MATH 341
AER E 574: Optimal Control
(Cross-listed with E E, M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E E 577

AER E 575: Introduction to Robust Control
(Cross-listed with E E, M E). (3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: E E 577

AER E 576: Digital Feedback Control Systems
(Cross-listed with E E, M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E E 475 or AER E 432 or M E 411 or MATH 415; and MATH 267

AER E 577: Linear Systems
(Cross-listed with E E, M E, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: E E 324 or AER E 331 or MATH 415; and MATH 207

AER E 578: Nonlinear Systems
(Cross-listed with E E, M E, MATH). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: E E 577

AER E 581: Perturbation Methods
(3-0) Cr. 3. F.
Prereq: MATH 267

AER E 583: Aeroacoustics
(Dual-listed with AER E 483). Cr. 3.
Prereq: AER E 311 or M E 335; and MATH 266 or MATH 267
Noise metrics, Linear wave equation and its solution in 1-, 2-, and 3-D using Green’s functions. Propagation of sound in free and confined spaces. Aerodynamic noise sources in engineering machines: aircraft engine noise, airfram noise, wind turbine noise, etc.

AER E 590: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Special Topics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590A: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aero and/or Gas Dynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590B: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Propulsion
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590C: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aerospace Structures
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590D: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Dynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590E: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Spacecraft Systems
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590F: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Control Systems
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590G: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aeroelasticity
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590H: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Viscous Aerodynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590I: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Design
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590J: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Hypersonics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.
AER E 590K: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Computational Aerodynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590L: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Optimization
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590M: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Non Destructive Evaluation
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 590N: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Wind Engineering
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable, maximum of 3 times.

AER E 591: Graduate Student Seminar Series
Cr. R. Repeatable.
Presentation of professional topics by department graduate students. Development of presentation skills used in a professional conference setting involving question and answer format.

AER E 599: Creative Component
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

Courses for graduate students:

AER E 640: Stability of Fluid Flow
(3-0) Cr. 3.
Prereq: AerE 541
Theoretical methods of stability analysis; linear analysis of exchange of stability and over stability; bifurcation of equilibria; most dangerous modes and pattern formation; shear flow stability theorems. Physical mechanisms. Tollmein-Schlichting waves, disintegration of capillary jets, Benard convection, Taylor-Couette flow, centrifugal instability, double diffusion.

AER E 647: Advanced Computational Fluid Dynamics
(Cross-listed with M E). (3-0) Cr. 3. S.
Prereq: AER E 547

AER E 690: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Advanced Topics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690A: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aero and/or Gas Dynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690B: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Propulsion
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690C: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aerospace Structures
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690D: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Dynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690E: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Spacecraft Systems
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690F: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Flight Control Systems
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690G: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Aeroelasticity
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690H: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Viscous Aerodynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690I: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Design
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690J: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Hypersonics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690K: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Computational Aerodynamics
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690L: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Non Destructive Evaluation
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 690M: Aerospace Engineering Independent Study: Wind Engineering
Cr. 1-5. Repeatable.

AER E 697: Engineering Internship
Cr. R. Repeatable.
Prereq: Permission of DOGE (Director of Graduate Education), graduate classification
One semester and one summer maximum per academic year professional work period. Offered on a satisfactory-fail basis only.

AER E 699: Research
Cr. arr. Repeatable.