

Course guide

220306 - 220306 - Aerospace Vehicles

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Unit in charge: Terrassa School of Industrial, Aerospace and Audiovisual Engineering
Teaching unit: 748 - FIS - Department of Physics.

Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING (Syllabus 2014). (Compulsory subject).

Academic year: 2025 **ECTS Credits:** 7.5 **Languages:** Catalan, Spanish

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: Casamor Martinell, Oriol

Others: Esbri Rosales, Carlos

PRIOR SKILLS

"Elements Resistents en l'Aeronàutica" depending on the previous degree.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:

CG01-MUEA. (ENG) Capacitat per a projectar, construir, inspeccionar, certificar i mantenir tot tipus d'aeronaus i vehicles espacials, amb els seus corresponents subsistemes.

CG04-MUEA. (ENG) Capacitat d'integrar sistemes aeroespacials complexos i equips de treball multidisciplinaris.

CG09-MUEA. Competence in all areas related to airport, aeronautical, or space technologies that, by their nature, are not exclusive to other branches of engineering.

CE01. MUEA/MASE: An aptitude for designing, building, inspecting, certifying and maintaining all types of aircraft and space vehicles

CE04. MUEA/MASE: The ability to apply the knowledge acquired in various disciplines to solving complex aeroelasticity problems.

CE08. MUEA/MASE: Knowledge and skills in the analysis and structural design of aircraft and space vehicles, including the application of calculation programs and advanced structural design.

CE09. MUEA/MASE: The ability to design, execute and analyse ground and flight tests of aerospace vehicles and carry out their entire certification process.

CE10. MUEA/MASE: Sufficient knowledge of aircraft and space vehicle subsystems.

Basic:

CB06. Manage original concepts in research projects.

CB07. Student capacity to use their knowledge in new and multidisciplinary situations.

CB08. Generate decision from incomplete information assuming its social and ethical responsibilities.

CB09. Improve technical communication of results.

CB10. Improve self-learning capacity

TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The teaching methodology is based on the development of three complementary activities: theory classes, practical work classes in the computer classroom and evaluation tests.

In the theory classes the concepts are introduced, exercises are developed and the corresponding calculation algorithms are formulated.

The classes in the computer room seek to familiarize the student with the basic ideas through practical exercises. They will be solved with both analytical and numerical techniques (of own programming or of commercial use).

Assessment tests include exams, which measure the degree of knowledge acquired, and group work.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

Learn the fundamental concepts of static and dynamic aeroelasticity. Know how to apply these concepts in both academic and real examples.

Understand the concepts of numerical methods to solve static and dynamic structural problems, and know how to use them through both own programming and commercial software.

Know the subsystems of spacecraft.

Understand the architecture of aircraft and their hydraulic, pneumatic, electrical, flight control and auxiliary systems.

Know the operation of aircraft and helicopter certification, as well as current regulations.

STUDY LOAD

Type	Hours	Percentage
Hours large group	45,0	24.00
Hours small group	22,5	12.00
Self study	120,0	64.00

Total learning time: 187.5 h

CONTENTS

Module 1: Introduction to aeroelasticity

Description:

- Introduction to static aeroelasticity
- Introduction to dynamic aeroelasticity

Related activities:

Activity 1: theory classes
Activity 2: practical work classes
Activity 3: practical project

Full-or-part-time: 50h

Theory classes: 12h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study : 32h

Module 2: Numerical methods for structural analysis

Description:

- Numerical methods for static structural analysis
- Numerical methods for dynamic structural analysis
- Determination of natural modes

Related activities:

Activity 1: theory classes
Activity 2: practical work classes
Activity 3: practical project

Full-or-part-time: 50h

Theory classes: 12h
Laboratory classes: 6h
Self study : 32h

Module 3: Spacecraft subsystems

Description:

Introduction to spacecraft subsystems:

- Structural
- Power
- Propulsion
- Thermal and environmental control
- Others

Related activities:

Activity 1: theory classes

Activity 2: partial exam

Activity 3: final exam

Full-or-part-time: 12h 30m

Theory classes: 3h

Laboratory classes: 1h 30m

Self study : 8h

Module 4: Aircraft Architecture

Description:

- Hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical system
- Flight control systems
- Auxiliary systems

Related activities:

Activity 1: theory classes

Activity 2: partial exam

Activity 3: final exam

Full-or-part-time: 37h 30m

Theory classes: 9h

Laboratory classes: 4h 30m

Self study : 24h

Module 5: Certification of airplanes and helicopters

Description:

- Aircraft certification
- Certification of helicopters
- Applicable regulations

Related activities:

Activity 1: theory classes

Activity 2: partial exam

Activity 3: final exam

Full-or-part-time: 37h 30m

Theory classes: 9h

Laboratory classes: 4h 30m

Self study : 24h



GRADING SYSTEM

$$NF = 0,20 EP + 0,20 EF + 0,36 TP + 0,24 EC$$

NF : Final mark

EP : Partial exam

EF : Final exam

TP : Practical Projects

EC : Class exercise

EXAMINATION RULES.

The partial and final exams are carried out individually, in writing and on the dates set by the school. Projects and class exercises can be done in groups.

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