AERO3630
AERODYNAMICS
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1. STAFF CONTACT DETAILS

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Administration

All issues regarding administration should be directed to A/Prof N. A. Ahmed or any of the demonstrators via email.
2. COURSE DETAILS

Units of credit

This is a 6 unit-of-credit (UoC) course, and involves 3 hours per week (h/w) of face-to-face contact.

The UNSW website states "The normal workload expectations of a student are approximately 25 hours per semester for each UoC, including class contact hours, other learning activities, preparation and time spent on all assessable work. Thus, for a full-time enrolled student, the normal workload, averaged across the 16 weeks of teaching, study and examination periods, is about 37.5 hours per week."

This means that you should aim to spend about 9 h/w on this course. The additional time should be spent in making sure that you understand the lecture material, completing the set assignments, further reading, and revising for any examinations.

There is no parallel teaching in this course.

Contact Hours

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<td>Lectures</td>
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<td>Demonstrations/Lab</td>
<td>Wednesday Weeks 9,10</td>
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Summary of the course

This course focusses on fundamental principles associated with aircraft aerodynamics and physical experimentation using facilities such as wind tunnels.

Aims of the course

The overall objective is to introduce the students to the qualitative and quantitative examination of fluids in motions and the physical forces exerted by fluids, particularly those considered incompressible and inviscid, on their boundaries with a view to calculating aerodynamic forces on streamlined bodies such as wings of aircraft. Thus the emphasis is on lift and drag force components in incompressible flow. The students will also be introduced to the basic techniques associated with physical and numerical experimentations.

This course extends the basic thermodynamic and fluid mechanical principles which you learned in MMAN2600 and MMAN2700 to aerospace engineering and builds on the report-writing skills which you commenced in ENGG1000 and self-investigative investigations, analysis and critical appraisals.
Course Outline: AERO3630

Student learning outcomes

After successfully completing this course, you should be able to:

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<tr>
<th>Learning Outcome</th>
<th>EA Stage 1 Competencies</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Be familiar with the basic principles associated with incompressible and</td>
<td>PE 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5</td>
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<td>compressible flows in wing design</td>
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<td>2. Demonstration of the significance of some of the concepts used in wing</td>
<td>PE 2: (PE 2.1-2.3)</td>
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<td>design through physical experimentation</td>
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<td>3. Decide on the appropriate class of wing in the design of a new aircraft.</td>
<td>PE 3: (PE 2.1-2.3)</td>
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<td>4. Be able to communicate, be creative, understand and apply knowledge in a</td>
<td>PE 2.3, 3.2</td>
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<td>responsible and ethical and professional manner</td>
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Note: EA = Engineers Australia (EA); PE = Professional Engineers (PE):

3. TEACHING STRATEGIES

Lectures

Lectures in the course are designed to cover the terminology and core concepts and theories in the design, selection of airfoil sections wing configurations in aircraft design.

Laboratory Experiments

Laboratory experiments do not simply reiterate the texts, but build on the lecture topics using physical experimentation that are generally used in research and aerospace industries.

Demonstrations and Practice problems

They are designed to provide you with feedback and discussion on the various topics covered both in lectures and laboratory works, and to investigate problem areas in greater depth to ensure that you understand the application.

The content reflects the experience of the lecturers in aircraft research and design and typical examples drawn from that experience are presented throughout the lectures and Practice Problems.

Remember, effective learning is supported when you are actively engaged in the learning process and by a climate of enquiry, and these are both an integral part of the lectures and Practice Problems.

You become more engaged in the learning process if you can see the relevance of your studies to professional, disciplinary and/or personal contexts, and the relevance is shown in the lectures, laboratory experiments and assignments by way of examples drawn from practical world.

Dialogue is encouraged between you, others in the class and the lecturers. Diversity of experiences is acknowledged, as some students in each class have prior industry or practical experience. Your experiences are drawn on to illustrate various aspects, and this helps to increase motivation and engagement.
It is expected that assignments will be marked and handed back within two weeks following submission. You will have feedback and discussion while fresh in your mind to improve the learning experience.

### 4. COURSE SCHEDULE

All schedules and descriptions provided below may be changed at short notice to suit exigencies.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>WK</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Who should attend?</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Intro to Aerodynamics/ Potential Flow Concepts</td>
<td>AERO3630</td>
<td>ME202</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>Thin Airfoil Theory</td>
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<td>ME202</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Lifting Line Theory/ Finite Wing Theory</td>
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<td><strong>CLASS TEST 1</strong>/ Compressible flow</td>
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<td>Introduction to Experimentation/ Dimensional Analysis</td>
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<td>Method of characteristics/ Small perturbation theory/ <strong>CLASS TEST 2</strong></td>
<td>AERO3630</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td><strong>Experiment 1</strong>: Smoke flow visualisation</td>
<td>AERO3630/NAVL3620</td>
<td>UG LAB116A</td>
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<td><strong>Experiment 2</strong>: Pressure Distribution around a cylinder</td>
<td>AERO3630/NAVL3620</td>
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**STUDY BREAK**
Experiment 3: Lift of an airfoil
Experiment 4: Drag of an airfoil

WRAP UP* for Aero students

REVISION/ CLASS TEST 3

**Wrap up for Naval Students will be held on Monday during 10am-1pm in UNSW Business School 232 (JY/YY/YYZ/DM)

5. ASSESSMENT

General

You will be assessed through a combination of assignments, class tests, laboratory work and a final examination. In order to pass the course, you must achieve an overall mark of at least 50%.

Details

A. Class Test No.1 (based on Lectures/Practice Problems)

Class Test no. 1 will be on Lecture materials covered up to week 3 and will be held in Week 4. The test will be of 30 minutes duration and multiple-choice type.

The learning outcome assessed in Class Test 1 are: PE1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

B. Class Test no.2 (based on Lectures/Practice Problems)

Class Test No. 2 will be on Lecture materials covered up to week 7 and will be held in Week 8. The test will be of 30 minutes duration and multiple-choice type.

The learning outcome assessed in Class Test 2 are: PE1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

C. Class Test No.3 (on Flow Experimentation)

Class Test No. 3 will be on Flow Experimentation will be held in Week 12. The test will be of one hour duration and will be based on the Flow Experimentation material covered up to the end of Week 10. The test will be of the multiple-choice type.

The learning outcome assessed in Class Test 3 are: PE1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.5, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3

D. Flow Experimentation Logbook

For the Flow Experimentation you must keep a logbook. The log book will be a bound A4 exercise book containing the date of experiment, observations, notes, calculations, figures and your comments while conducting the experiment. No loose sheets are acceptable. All
handouts related to a particular experiment should be appropriately stapled or pasted into
the log book. The log book is to be submitted to the Lecturer-in-Charge /Demonstrators in
Week 12 with the Flow Experimentation report.

The learning outcome assessed in logbook are: PE 2.3, 2.4

**E. Flow Experimentation Report**

Following the class test, you will be required to write a report on one of the four experiments
which have been conducted in the wind tunnel, using the details from your logbook and
lecture notes. The specific experiment will be at random, and will be decided by the lecturer,
but will be the same experiment for the whole class. Your report is to be submitted to the
Lecturer-in-charge in Week 12 with the Flow Experimentation logbook.

The learning outcome assessed in report are: PE 2.3, 2.4, 3.1-3.5

**F. Mini Research Project**

*Proposal Draft*: Select your research topic in the field of Aerodynamics and provide a brief
description of your proposal (less than 100 words). Submit your proposal draft along with the
topic name in pdf or word format online in Moodle.

*Detailed Proposal*: Construct your research proposal in details using background research.
You must describe the findings from at least five journal articles and explain how these
findings relate to the studies undertaken in your research topics. You must critically assess
the problem statement, hypothesis, methodology, result, and contribution to knowledge
regarding your research topic. You will need to submit your work in pdf or word format online
in Moodle.

The Mini Research Project must be uploaded in Moodle by week 11

The learning outcome assessed in research project are: PE 1.1-6, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1-3.5

**G. Final Examination:**

There will be a formal examination of two hour duration. There will two questions in total of
equal marks

The learning outcome assessed in final examination are: PE 1.1-5, 2.3, 2.4, 3.1-3.3

You must be available for all tests and examinations. Final examinations for each course are
held during the University examination periods, which are June for Semester 1 and
November for Semester 2.

Provisional Examination timetables are generally published on myUNSW in May for
Semester 1 and September for Semester 2

For further information on exams, please see Administrative Matters.

**Calculators**

You will need to provide your own calculator, of a make and model approved by UNSW, for
the examinations. The list of approved calculators is shown at
It is your responsibility to ensure that your calculator is of an approved make and model, and to obtain an “Approved” sticker for it from the School Office or the Engineering Student Centre prior to the examination. Calculators not bearing an “Approved” sticker will not be allowed into the examination room.

**Presentation**

All submissions should have a standard School cover sheet which is available from this subject’s Moodle page.

All submissions are expected to be neat and clearly set out. Your results are the pinnacle of all your hard work. Presenting them clearly gives the marker the best chance of understanding your method; even if the numerical results are incorrect.

**Submission**

Late submissions will be penalised 5 marks per calendar day (including weekends). An extension may only be granted in exceptional circumstances. Where an assessment task is worth less than 20% of the total course mark and you have a compelling reason for being unable to submit your work on time, you must seek approval for an extension from the course convenor before the due date. Special consideration for assessment tasks of 20% or greater must be processed through [https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration](https://student.unsw.edu.au/special-consideration).

It is always worth submitting late assessment tasks when possible. Completion of the work, even late, may be taken into account in cases of special consideration.

**Special Consideration and Supplementary Assessment**

For details of applying for special consideration and conditions for the award of supplementary assessment, see Administrative Matters, available on the School website and on Moodle, and the information on UNSW’s Special Consideration page.

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<td>Flow Experimentation Log Book</td>
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<td>Flow Experimentation Report</td>
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<td>Mini Research Project (Max 5,000 words)</td>
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<td>Methodologies</td>
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<td>Conclusions</td>
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6. EXPECTED RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS

Lecture notes and other relevant materials for Lectures, Demonstrations, Problem Solving and Experimentation will be available on-line in Moodle and updated as necessary.

Suggested readings


Other Resources

If you wish to explore any of the lecture topics in more depth, then other resources are available and assistance may be obtained from the UNSW Library.

One starting point for assistance is: [https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/servicesfor/index.html](https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/servicesfor/index.html)

7. COURSE EVALUATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Feedback on the course is gathered periodically using various means, including the Course and Teaching Evaluation and Improvement (CATEI) process, informal discussion in the final class for the course, and the School's Student/Staff meetings. Your feedback is taken seriously, and continual improvements are made to the course based, in part, on such feedback.

In this course, recent improvements resulting from student feedback include a reduction in the number of laboratory experiments and report writing.

8. ACADEMIC HONESTY AND PLAGIARISM

UNSW has an ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of learning informed by academic integrity. All UNSW students have a responsibility to adhere to this principle of academic integrity. Plagiarism undermines academic integrity and is not tolerated at UNSW. *Plagiarism at UNSW is defined as using the words or ideas of others and passing them off as your own.*

Plagiarism is a type of intellectual theft. It can take many forms, from deliberate cheating to accidentally copying from a source without acknowledgement. UNSW has produced a website with a wealth of resources to support students to understand and avoid plagiarism: [https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism](https://student.unsw.edu.au/plagiarism) The Learning Centre assists students with understanding academic integrity and how not to plagiarise. They also hold workshops and can help students one-on-one.
You are also reminded that careful time management is an important part of study and one of the identified causes of plagiarism is poor time management. Students should allow sufficient time for research, drafting and the proper referencing of sources in preparing all assessment tasks.

If plagiarism is found in your work when you are in first year, your lecturer will offer you assistance to improve your academic skills. They may ask you to look at some online resources, attend the Learning Centre, or sometimes resubmit your work with the problem fixed. However more serious instances in first year, such as stealing another student’s work or paying someone to do your work, may be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures.

Repeated plagiarism (even in first year), plagiarism after first year, or serious instances, may also be investigated under the Student Misconduct Procedures. The penalties under the procedures can include a reduction in marks, failing a course or for the most serious matters (like plagiarism in an honours thesis) even suspension from the university. The Student Misconduct Procedures are available here: http://www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

Further information on School policy and procedures in the event of plagiarism is presented in a School handout, Administrative Matters, available on the School website.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

You are expected to have read and be familiar with Administrative Matters, available on the School website: https://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/mechanical-engineering/sites/mech/files/u41/S2-2015-Administrative-Matters_20150721.pdf

This document contains important information on student responsibilities and support, including special consideration, assessment, health and safety, and student equity and diversity.

N.A. Ahmed
July 2015
## APPENDIX A: ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA (EA) PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER COMPETENCY STANDARDS

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<td><strong>PE1: Knowledge and Skill Base</strong></td>
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<td>PE1.1 Comprehensive, theory-based understanding of underpinning fundamentals</td>
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<td>PE1.2 Conceptual understanding of underpinning maths, analysis, statistics, computing</td>
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<td>PE1.3 In-depth understanding of specialist bodies of knowledge</td>
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<td>PE1.4 Discernment of knowledge development and research directions</td>
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<td>PE1.5 Knowledge of engineering design practice</td>
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<td>PE1.6 Understanding of scope, principles, norms, accountabilities of sustainable engineering practice</td>
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<td><strong>PE2: Engineering Application Ability</strong></td>
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<td>PE2.1 Application of established engineering methods to complex problem solving</td>
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<td>PE2.2 Fluent application of engineering techniques, tools and resources</td>
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<td>PE2.3 Application of systematic engineering synthesis and design processes</td>
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<td>PE2.4 Application of systematic approaches to the conduct and management of engineering projects</td>
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<td><strong>PE3: Professional and Personal Attributes</strong></td>
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<td>PE3.1 Ethical conduct and professional accountability</td>
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<td>PE3.2 Effective oral and written communication (professional and lay domains)</td>
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<td>PE3.3 Creative, innovative and pro-active demeanour</td>
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<td>PE3.4 Professional use and management of information</td>
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