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INTRODUCTION TO AIRCRAFT ENGINEERING
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1. Staff contact details

Contact details and consultation times for course convenor

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Consultation with me concerning this course will be available at a time to be decided. Consultation by email should only be used as a very last resort as it is clumsy and inefficient.

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Please see the course Moodle.

2. Important links

- Moodle
- Lab Access
- Computing Facilities
- Student Resources
- Course Outlines
- Engineering Student Support Services Centre
- Makerspace
- UNSW Timetable
- UNSW Handbook
- UNSW Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

3. Course details

Credit points

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

The normal workload expectations of a student are approximately 25 hours per term for each
UOC, including class contact hours, other learning activities, preparation and time spent on all assessable work.

You should aim to spend about 6 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.

**Contact hours**

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<tr>
<th>Day</th>
<th>Time</th>
<th>Location</th>
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<tr>
<td>Lectures</td>
<td>Monday</td>
<td>9am – 11am</td>
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<td>Thursday</td>
<td>12noon – 2pm</td>
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**Summary and Aims of the course**

This course is aimed at first year students in aviation and other students who feel they could benefit from some limited understanding of aerospace engineering. It is not intended for students intending to have a career in aerospace engineering. It does, however, provide a general understanding aimed at pilots, aviation administrators and others for whom some knowledge of aircraft engineering would be beneficial.

The course aims to give the student an overview of the practice and theory behind aircraft engineering. It will encourage the student to carry out simple engineering analysis to explore the claims of the manufacturers. It will also introduce the student to some of the sources of data available on aircraft and the need to take care. Lastly, it will provide the student an opportunity to produce a report to a professional standard and encourage industry quality behaviour.

**Student learning outcomes**

After completion of the course the student should feel confident in exploring material related to aeronautical engineering. They should also have learnt how to carry out simple engineering calculations. The final reports should enhance their ability to produce a document to an acceptable professional standard.

**4. Teaching strategies**

“Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day. Teach him how to fish and you feed him for a lifetime.”  **Lao Tzu**

- Presentation of the material in lectures and discussions so that the students know how to approach complex engineering calculations required in industry.
- The problems I suggest you look at are intended to provide you with feedback and to allow you to investigate topics in greater depth. This is to ensure that you understand what you are being taught.
Consultation periods are designed to provide you with feedback and discussion on the problems that I would like you to do.

## 5. Course schedule

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<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Monday</th>
<th>Thursday</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Introduction to flight physics, lift and drag, straight and level flight.</td>
<td>Mechanics (forces)</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>The atmosphere and airspeeds</td>
<td>Mechanics (forces)</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Range and endurance equations</td>
<td>Mechanics (moments)</td>
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<td>4</td>
<td>Weight and balance</td>
<td>Mechanics (equilibrium)</td>
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<tr>
<td>5</td>
<td>Wings</td>
<td>Mechanics (rigid body mechanics)</td>
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<tr>
<td>6</td>
<td>Climbing flight</td>
<td>Mechanics class test</td>
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<td>7</td>
<td>Turning flight</td>
<td>Take-off and landing</td>
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<td>8</td>
<td>Reciprocating piston engines</td>
<td>Reciprocating piston engines</td>
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<td>9</td>
<td>Propellers and (helicopter) rotors</td>
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<td>10</td>
<td>Introduction to gas turbines, net thrust, propulsive &amp; component efficiencies</td>
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<tr>
<td>11</td>
<td>Final class test (excluding mechanics)</td>
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The schedule shown may be subject to change at short notice to suit exigencies.
6. Assessment

Assessment overview

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Assessment</th>
<th>Group Project? (# Students per group)</th>
<th>Length</th>
<th>Weight</th>
<th>Learning outcomes assessed</th>
<th>Assessment criteria</th>
<th>Due date and submission requirements</th>
<th>Deadline for absolute fail</th>
<th>Marks returned</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mechanics class test</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>One hour</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>All course content up to the date of the assignments.</td>
<td>11th July</td>
<td>There is no supplementary</td>
<td>Two weeks after submission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assignment 1</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Roughly 5 pages</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>17th June</td>
<td>One week after the due date</td>
<td>28th June</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assignment 2</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>Roughly 10 pages</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>All course content from weeks 1-12 inclusive.</td>
<td>29th July</td>
<td>One week after the due date</td>
<td>Two weeks after submission</td>
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<tr>
<td>Final class test</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>One hour</td>
<td>30%</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>All course content from weeks 1-12 inclusive.</td>
<td>12th August</td>
<td>There is no supplementary</td>
<td>Upon release of final results</td>
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<td>TOTAL</td>
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<td>100%</td>
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All assessment materials can be found on Moodle. Assignment One will uploaded to Moodle in Week Two, while Assignment Two will uploaded to Moodle in Week Seven. The length of the assignment solutions will depend on you, but you need to show all working.

You will be assessed by a final examination as well as your continuous participation in completing two assignments. They will involve calculations. The assessments are based to allow you to obtain an understanding of the material being taught and will allow you to apply the concepts learnt in the course. In order to achieve a PASS (PS) in this course, you need to achieve a total mark of at least 50%.
Assignments

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

Work submitted late without an approved extension by the course coordinator or delegated authority is subject to a late penalty of 20 percent (20%) of the maximum mark possible for that assessment item, per calendar day.

The late penalty is applied per calendar day (including weekends and public holidays) that the assessment is overdue. There is no pro-rata of the late penalty for submissions made part way through a day.

Work submitted after the 'deadline for absolute fail' is not accepted and a mark of zero will be awarded for that assessment item.

For some assessment items, a late penalty may not be appropriate. These are clearly indicated in the course outline, and such assessments receive a mark of zero if not completed by the specified date. Examples include:

a. Weekly online tests or laboratory work worth a small proportion of the subject mark, or
b. Online quizzes where answers are released to students on completion, or
c. Professional assessment tasks, where the intention is to create an authentic assessment that has an absolute submission date, or
d. Pass/Fail assessment tasks.

Marking

Marking guidelines for assignment submissions will be provided at the same time as assignment details to assist with meeting assessable requirements. Submissions will be marked according to the marking guidelines provided.

Examinations

You must be available for all tests and examinations. Final examinations for each course are held during the University examination periods: February for Summer Term, May for T1, August for T2, and November/December for T3.

Please visit myUNSW for Provisional Examination timetable publish dates.
For further information on exams, please see the [Exams webpage](#).

**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 available at [student.unsw.edu.au/exam-approved-calculators-and-computers](http://student.unsw.edu.au/exam-approved-calculators-and-computers).

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 Engineering Student Supper Services Centre prior to the examination. Calculators not bearing an “Approved” sticker will not be allowed into the examination room.

**Special consideration and supplementary assessment**

If you have experienced an illness or misadventure beyond your control that will interfere with your assessment performance, you are eligible to apply for Special Consideration prior to submitting an assessment or sitting an exam.

Please note that UNSW now has a Fit to Sit / Submit rule, which means that if you sit an exam or submit a piece of assessment, you are declaring yourself fit enough to do so and cannot later apply for Special Consideration.

For details of applying for Special Consideration and conditions for the award of supplementary assessment, please see the information on UNSW's [Special Consideration page](#).

7. Expected resources for students

**Textbooks**

A. Tewari, 2016, Basic Flight Mechanics, Springer.

**Suggested reading**


UNSW Library website: https://www.library.unsw.edu.au/

Additional materials provided in Moodle

This course has a website on UNSW Moodle which includes:
- course notes
- assignments
- consultation notes


8. Course evaluation and development

Feedback on the course is gathered periodically using various means, including the UNSW myExperience 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 having more markers that will be used this year to speed up the return of the two major class assignments to students.

9. 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, visit: 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: www.gs.unsw.edu.au/policy/documents/studentmisconductprocedures.pdf

10. Administrative matters and links

All students are expected to read and be familiar with UNSW guidelines and polices. In particular, students should be familiar with the following:

- Attendance
- UNSW Email Address
- Computing Facilities
- Special Consideration
- Exams
- Approved Calculators
- Academic Honesty and Plagiarism
- Student Equity and Disabilities Unit
- Health and Safety
- Lab Access

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