



Syllabus for ME136-01: Aerodynamics

Fall 2017

Instructor: Venkattraman Ayyaswamy

Designation: Assistant Professor

Catalog Description: This course builds on the student's background in Fluid Mechanics to deal primarily with flows (low-speed and moderate-speed) relevant to aerospace applications.

Text Books and Other Reference book (not required):

Required Materials: John D. Anderson Jr., "Fundamentals of Aerodynamics", 6th edition, 2016.

Course Objectives/ Upon successful completion, students are expected to be able to analyze flows
Student Learning past airfoils and wings which represent the basic aerodynamic building blocks of
Outcomes: an airplane.

Program Learning
Outcomes:

Prerequisites by Topic: ENGR 120
MATH 032

Course Policies:

Academic Dishonesty a. Each student in this course is expected to abide by the University of California,
Statement: Merced's Academic Honesty Policy. Any work submitted by a student in this
course for academic credit will be the student's own work.
b. You are encouraged to study together and to discuss information and concepts
covered in lecture and the sections with other students. You can give "consulting"
help to or receive "consulting" help from such students. However, this
permissible cooperation should never involve one student having possession of a
copy of all or part of work done by someone else, in the form of an e mail, an e
mail attachment file, a diskette, or a hard copy. Should copying occur, both the
student who copied work from another student and the student who gave material
to be copied will both automatically receive a zero for the assignment. Penalty for
violation of this Policy can also be extended to include failure of the course and
University disciplinary action.
c. During examinations, you must do your own work. Talking or discussion is not
permitted during the examinations, nor may you compare papers, copy from
others, or collaborate in any way. Any collaborative behavior during the
examinations will result in failure of the exam, and may lead to failure of the
course and University disciplinary action.

Disability Statement: Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The University of California
Merced is committed to ensuring equal academic opportunities and inclusion for
students with disabilities based on the principles of independent living, accessible
universal design and diversity. I am available to discuss appropriate academic
accommodations that may be required for student with disabilities. Requests for
academic accommodations are to be made during the first three weeks of the
semester, except for unusual circumstances. Students are encouraged to register
with Disability Services Center to verify their eligibility for appropriate

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	accommodations.
Topics:	<p>Introduction: Lift, drag, moment and related coefficients; Vector operations (review); conservation equations (mass, momentum and energy); Streamlines, streaklines and pathlines; Velocity potential and stream function</p> <p>Inviscid, Incompressible flow: Bernoulli's equation, low-speed wind tunnel flows; Governing equations and boundary conditions; Elementary flows (uniform, sources, sinks and vortex); ideal lifting flow past a circular cylinder, Kutta-Joukowski theorem and lift generation; source panel method for non-lifting flows; d' Alembert's paradox.</p> <p>Incompressible flow over airfoils: Introduction; Kutta Condition; Thin airfoil theory (symmetric, cambered); Aerodynamic center; vortex panel method for lifting flows; qualitative picture of viscous flow.</p> <p>Finite Wing Theory: Introduction; Downwash and induced drag; Biot-Savart Law and Helmholtz's Theorems; Prandtl's lifting line theory; Numerical lifting-line method; Some practical aspects.</p> <p>Introduction to Compressible flows (Inviscid): Thermodynamics review; Governing equations; Compressibility.</p> <p>Linearized Theory for Subsonic and Supersonic Flows: Introduction; Velocity potential equation and linearized form; Prandtl-Glauert correction; Improved corrections; Critical Mach number; Drag divergence; Supercritical airfoils and area rule.</p>
Class/laboratory Schedule:	Lecture: MW 1:30 - 2:45 pm; Laboratory: based on registered lab session
Midterm/Final Exam Schedule:	<p>Midterm 1: TBA (in class)</p> <p>Midterm 2: TBA (in class)</p> <p>Final Exam: 12/15/2017 11:30 am to 2:30 pm</p>
Course Calendar:	
Professional Component:	
Assessment/Grading Policy:	<p>Homeworks: 25%</p> <p>Mid-term Exams: 30%</p> <p>Final Exam: 30%</p> <p>Lab reports: 15%</p>
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