



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

# Flight Vehicle Dynamics

## AEROENG 3520

**Credit Hours:**

3.00

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**Course Levels:**

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)

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**Course Components:**

Lecture

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**Course Description:**

Introduction to mathematical modeling of dynamics (equations of motion) for rigid bodies with specific application towards aircraft and spacecraft.

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**Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 2200, and enrollment as AeroEng-BS student (No pre-majors can enroll in this course). Prereq or concur: MechEng 2030.

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**Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Educate students about the fundamental principles in developing equations of motions for physical systems
  - Enable students to use basic tools of rigid body motion
  - Train students to develop mathematical models specifically for aircraft motion and spacecraft motion
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### **Course Topics:**

- Fundamental Principles of Developing Math Models for Physical Systems
  - Equations of Motion for a Rigid Body (two and three Dimensional motion), Coordinate Transformations
  - Equations of Motion for Aircraft, Stability Axes, Aircraft Forces and Moments
  - Aircraft Static Stability; Stick Fixed Neutral point; Stick Free analysis; Stick Forces and Stick Force Gradient; Lateral/Directional static stability; Engine Out situation and Minimum Control Speed
  - Dynamic Stability Analysis; Linearized Longitudinal and Lateral/Directional Equations of Motion for Aircraft, Significance of Stability Derivatives
  - Short Period, Phugoid (Longitudinal); Dutch Roll, Roll Subsidence, Spiral convergence/divergence (Lateral/Directional) Approximations; Damping ratio, natural frequency calculations
  - Equations of Motion for Spacecraft, Two Body and Central Force Motion in Gravitational field
  - Attitude dynamics of rigid axisymmetric and general bodies, principal body axes; characteristics of torque free motion, nutation, precession and spin.
  - Attitude Dynamics of rigid spacecraft, Euler's angles and quaternions, Gravitational torques, linearized equations of motion
  - Spacecraft external and internal disturbances modeling, actuation configurations for attitude and orbit control
  - Attitude Dynamics of Spacecraft: Full-scale, short period and long period approximations, computer simulations via MATLAB
  - Maneuvering of rigid spacecraft: Gyroscopic behavior; pointing; reaction wheels and control moment gyros; uncoupled dynamics attitude maneuver and control; thruster configurations, pulse width modulation, fuel and power consumptions
  - Gyroscopic dynamics as an instrument of attitude measurement and control for flight vehicles, rate and integrating gyros; Inertial navigation principles
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### **Designation:**

Required