



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**  
COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

# Design of Space Vehicles and Systems I

## AEROENG 4517

**Credit Hours:**

3.00

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**Course Levels:**

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)

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**Course Components:**

Lecture

Lab

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**Course Description:**

Feasibility study of a space mission, elements of mission design and design methodologies of spacecraft subsystems, and preliminary sizing.

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**Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: 3521 and 3543 and 3570 and 3580, and Sr standing, and enrollment as AeroEng-BS student (No pre-majors can enroll in this course). Prereq or concur: 4550.

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**Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Provide students with conceptual and preliminary spacecraft design experience
  - Foster multidisciplinary thought processes and collaborations
  - Train students in effective teamwork
  - Refine students' technical communication skills through written reports and presentations
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### **Course Topics:**

- Form design teams, design project description, process of requirements definition and a requirements baseline development for a space mission. Introduction to Space Systems Engineering.
  - Characteristics of satellite Com systems, baseband signals and service quality, types of signals and their qualities.
  - Communication techniques: carrying the baseband signals at distance with constraints, analogue and digital signals, modulation and demodulation techniques, coding, bandwidth.
  - Link performance, communication payload. 1st progress report and presentation
  - Orbits and related issues. Planetary observations, pointing and mapping geometry from space. Space propulsion systems and design.
  - The platform: spacecraft subsystems, spacecraft Subsystems. Spacecraft preliminary design and sizing.
  - Space vehicle power systems and design
  - Spacecraft thermal systems and design
  - Spacecraft attitude determination and control, disturbances modeling 2nd Progress report and presentation
  - Spacecraft structural design: issues and topics of structural design for space systems, design elements and verification requirements
  - Optimum Structural design: FEA with Hypermesh and Nastran.
  - Limit Analysis and Design of Structures: FEA with Hypermesh and Nastran. FEA- truss, beam and frame structures; Optional: Geometric Modeling with primitives.
  - Minimum Stress Design: fully stress design, FEA with Hypermesh and Nastran. FEA -truss, beam and frame structures.
  - Structural design Project Proposal, final Semester Report.
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### **Designation:**

Required