



# Experimental Fluid Mechanics

## AEROENG 6860

**Credit Hours:**

3.00 - 3.00

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**Course Levels:**

Graduate (5000-8000 level)

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**Course Components:**

Lecture  
Lab

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**Course Description:**

Introduction to experiment planning, data acquisition and analysis, and advanced measurement techniques commonly employed in fluid dynamics research.

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**Prerequisites and Co-requisites:**

Prereq: Grad standing in Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering, or permission of instructor.

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**Course Goals / Objectives:**

- Demonstrate ability to conduct a thorough literature search and relate one's own work to a body of existing knowledge
  - Understand and appropriately use uncertainty analysis for experiment planning, data analysis, and reporting
  - Engage in critical thought necessary for proper design and conduct of an experimental investigation
  - Develop a general awareness of the various basic and advanced measurement techniques available for experimentation. Understand the capabilities, strengths, and limitations of each technique
  - Become intimately acquainted with the details of at least one advanced measurement technique. Demonstrate familiarity through a thorough literature review and/or experimental project
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**Course Topics:**

- Introduction and Literature Search
  - Experiment Planning, Overview of Wind Tunnels
  - Wind Tunnel Design
  - Wind Tunnel Boundary Correction Methods
  - Uncertainty Analysis
  - System Response
  - Signal Conditioning, Digital Data Acquisition, Data Analysis
  - Project Proposal Presentations
  - Schlieren, Shadowgraph, Interferometry
  - Force Balances and Sting Mounts
  - Pressure Measurement - conventional and advanced techniques
  - Velocity Measurement - conventional and advanced techniques
  - Wall Shear Stress
  - Final Project Presentations
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**Designation:**

Elective