



Autonomy in Vehicles

ECE 5553

Credit Hours:

3.00

Course Levels:

Undergraduate (1000-5000 level)

Graduate (5000-8000 level)

Course Components:

Lecture

Course Description:

First course on automated driving vehicles & their sub-systems; automated driving history & architectures; car following control; steering control for path tracking and lane keeping; collision mitigation & avoidance; localization & situational awareness; lower & higher level decision making including deep learning; connected vehicle technologies; evaluation of autonomous driving functions.

Prerequisites and Co-requisites:

Prereq: 3551, 5551, or 551, or Grad standing in Engineering.

Course Goals / Objectives:

- Be competent in understanding the history of connected and automated driving, autonomous vehicle architectures, problems, solution approaches and the current state-of-the-art.
 - Master basic tire force modeling, autonomous vehicle dynamic modeling and path planning and tracking.
 - Master speed control, car following, connected car following and cooperative driving.
 - Master collision mitigation and avoidance for autonomous vehicles.
 - Gain competence in localization and situational awareness based on perception sensors and sensor fusion.
 - Gain competence in low-level actuator (steer/brake/throttle/shift) control and high-level decision making using rule based (state machine) control and deep learning approaches.
 - Be familiar with the testing of autonomous vehicles, datasets and automated labeling, and legal and ethical issues.
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Course Topics:

- Introduction and history of autonomous vehicles including challenges.
 - Autonomous vehicle architectures.
 - Introduction to tire and vehicle modeling for automated driving.
 - Review of control system design
 - Automation of longitudinal motion. Cruise Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control. Cooperative Driving.
 - Automation of lateral motion. Path following control. Lane keeping.
 - Collision free path planning and collision avoidance.
 - Localization and situational awareness. Estimation and sensor fusion.
 - Decision making. State diagrams. Deep learning.
 - Testing of autonomous vehicles. Datasets and automated labeling. Legal and ethical issues.
 - Connected vehicle applications. Fuel economy through connected and automated driving.
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Designation:

Elective