

- Course Number and Title: A E 424. Aerospace Systems Engineering
- Catalog Description: Basic principles of top-down systems engineering and current practice; preliminary and detailed design of aircraft and space vehicles, including requirement, subsystem interaction, and integration, tradeoffs, constraints and non-technical aspects.
- Credit Hours: 3 Credits (3)
- Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s): Prerequisite(s): A E 362
Corequisite(s): None
- Required: Required for BSAE Degree
- Course Availability: Spring Semester Only
- Instructor (Usual): N/A
- Textbook:
 - Textbook: Not required
 - References:
 1. [*NASA Systems Engineering Handbook, Rev. 2.*](#)
 2. Curtis, H., *Orbital Mechanics for Engineering Students*, 4th Ed., Butterworth-Heinemann, 2019 (ISBN-10: 008102133X or ISBE-13: 978-0081021330)
- Course Learning Objectives: After completing this course, a student should be able to:
 - 1) Apply engineering design to produce solutions that meet specified needs with consideration of public health, safety, and welfare, as well as global, cultural, social, environmental, and economic factors.
 - 2) Communicate effectively with a range of audiences.
 - 3) An ability to recognize ethical and professional responsibilities in engineering situations and make informed judgments, which must consider the impact of engineering solutions in global, economic, environmental, and societal contexts.
 - 4) Function effectively on a team whose members together provide leadership, create a collaborative and inclusive environment, establish goals, plan tasks, and meet objectives.
- Topics Covered:
 - Preliminary and detailed design of aircraft and spacecraft
 - Design requirements
 - Subsystem interaction, and integration
 - Tradeoffs, constraints, and non-technical aspects
 - Practice of system engineering