

- Course Number and Title: M E 333. Intermediate Dynamics
- Catalog Description: Three dimensional kinematics and kinetics, orbital motion, Lagrange s equations, dynamic stability, and controls.
- Credit Hours: 3 Credits (3)
- Prerequisite(s) / Corequisite(s): Prerequisite(s): M E 328 and ENGR 234
Corequisite(s): None
- Required: Required for BSME Degree (as Mechanics Elective)
- Course Availability: N/A
- Instructor (Usual): N/A
- Textbook: Meirovitch, L., *Methods of Analytical Dynamics*, McGraw-Hill (or Dover), 1970
- Course Learning Objectives: After completing this course, a student should be able to:
 - 1) Derive the equations of motion for particles and rigid bodies based on analytical dynamics theories;
 - 2) Study linear/nonlinear dynamical systems with their equations of motion by finding the associated solutions and by performing simulations; and
 - 3) Apply dynamics theory to engineering applications in vehicle dynamics, gyroscopes, aircraft / spacecraft dynamics, and celestial mechanics.
- Topics Covered:
 - Principle of virtual work
 - D'Alembert's principle
 - Hamilton's principle
 - Jacobi's least action principle
 - Lagrange equations of motion
 - Euler's equations of motion
 - Qualitative stability analysis of conservative systems
 - Stability of MDOF autonomous systems
 - Gyroscopes
 - 3-body dynamics in celestial mechanics
 - Spacecraft dynamics for satellite attitude stability