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AEROSPACE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL ELECTIVES

(This is a general TE list- refer to the <u>mae.ucsd.edu</u> website for the specific list of TEs for a specialization)

- Aerospace Engineering majors following the Fall 2023 catalog must complete five TE's.
- -Aerospace Engineering majors following the Fall 2019 catalog must complete two TE's.
- -Aerospace Engineering majors following a pre-Fall 2019 catalog must complete one TE
- -Not all courses are offered each year/quarter.
- -All prerequisites are enforced.

The following classes that are not already required for your major are approved as TEs:

MAE 101C	Heat Transfer (approved TE for FA23 plan only)	
MAE 101D	Intermediate Heat Transfer	
MAE 101D MAE 108	Probability and Statistical Methods for Engineering	
WIAL 100	(Credit not offered for MAE 108 if ECE 109, ECON 120A, MATH 180A,	
	MATH 183, MATH 186, or SE 125 were taken)	
MAE 110		
MAE 114	Thermodynamic Systems (formerly 110B)	
MAE 114 MAE 118	Space Propulsion	
	Intro to Energy & Environment	
MAE 119	Intro to Renewable Energy: Solar & Wind	
MAE 120	Intro to Nuclear Energy	
MAE 122	Flow & Transport in the Environment	
MAE 131D	Advanced Vibrations	
MAE 131B	Solid Mechanics II	
MAE 133	Finite Element Methods	
MAE 144	Embedded Control and Robotics	
MAE 145	Robotic Planning and Estimation	
MAE 146	Intro to ML Algorithms	
MAE 148	Intro to Autonomous Vehicles	
MAE 150	Computational Methods for Design	
MAE 153	Design of Machine Components	
MAE 154	Product Design & Entrepreneurship	
MAE 180	Orbital Mechanics	
MAE 181	Space Mission Analysis and Design	
MAE 182	Spacecraft Guidance and Navigation	
MAE 184	Flight Simulation Techniques	
MAE 185	Computational Fluid Mechanics	
MAE 190	Radiation and Light Sources (Note: Must be this specific course topic)	
MAE 199	Independent Study (2 quarters of MAE 199 can be used for 1 TE under	
	certain circumstances. See our website, mae.ucsd.edu, for details.)	
SE 120	Engineering Graphics and Computer-Aided Structural Design	
SE 131	Finite Element Analysis	
SE 142	Design of Composite Structures	
SE 143A	Aerospace Structural Design I	
SE 143B	Aerospace Structural Design II	

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Note: SE 143A/B are the SE senior design capstone courses so students will be expected to complete both A&B in consecutive quarters (credit will be given for 2 TEs)

SE 160B	Aerospace Structural Mechanics II (approved TE for FA23 plan only)	
SE 163	Nondestructive Evaluation	
SE 171	Aerospace Structures Repair	
ECE 120	Solar System Physics	
ECE 172A	Introduction to Intelligent Systems	
MATH 102	Applied Linear Algebra	
MATH 120A	Elements of Complex Analysis	
MATH 175	Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations	
MATH 187A		

MAE 160 is not an approved TE due to overlapping material in SE 160A/B.

GRADUATE COURSES*

MAE 200	Controls
MAE 201	Mechanics of Fluids
MAE 202	Thermal Processes
MAE 203	Solid Mechanics and Materials
MAE 204	Robotics
MAE 206	Energy Systems
MAE 208	Mathematics for Engineers
MAE 211	Intro to Combustion
MAE 212	Introductory Compressible Flow
MAE 222	Human Space Exploration
MAE 240	Space Flight Mechanics
SE 201A	Advanced Structural Analysis
SE 202	Structural Stability
SE 203	Structural Dynamics

Global TIES: One quarter of ENG 100D and two consecutive quarters of ENG 100L can be used for one TE. (*only for students following the FA19, FA23 catalog*)

All TEs must be taken for a letter grade. No P/NP grades allowed except in MAE 199.

^{*} Enrollment in graduate courses requires approval by the instructor and course dept via an EASy request.