

Department of Mechanics and Aerospace Engineering

Program of Aerospace Engineering for International Students (2021)

I. Introduction

Aerospace Engineering is a modern area that exemplifies the need for interdisciplinary problem solving and the mind for innovation. Aerospace Engineering is also an area of national strategic importance and high priority for growth. The Aerospace Engineering bachelor program at SUSTech is led by the Member of Chinese National Academy of Engineering, and the faculty consists of several renowned scholars. Major areas include aircraft design and engineering, aircraft propulsion, and aircraft manufacturing. The design and analysis of Aerospace Engineering relies on solid grasp of broad subjects of mechanics, heat transfer, material science, and electronics; the proficient knowledge of these subjects are applicable in other areas such as mechanical engineering and civil engineering. The students trained by the Aerospace Engineering program are expected to establish solid foundations of mathematics and mechanics, as well as deep understanding of basic aircraft design theory, strong capabilities in structural analysis, and good hands-on skills.

II. Objectives and Learning Outcomes

- Objectives

The Aerospace Engineering program at SUSTech is dedicated to train students of high calipers by empowering them with solid foundations of mathematics and mechanics, broad knowledge in aerospace engineering, good overall capability of aircraft design, and a mind for innovation. The students who successfully complete the program may perform consulting, research and development, planning, and management roles in the industries of aerospace engineering, mechanical engineering, and mechanics. They can also enter top universities and research institutes to pursue master or doctoral degrees.

- Learning Outcomes

Morality and humanity. With professionalism, a firm attitude of pursuing excellence, a sound personality, a sense of social responsibility and rich humanities and sciences accomplishment.

Basic knowledge. Master the basic theoretical knowledge and skills of engineering such as mathematics, mechanics, physics, electronics, machinery and so on.

Core knowledge

Have the necessary ability of drawing, computing, experimenting and testing in this major. Through the professional curriculum design, students can initially achieve the design, control, debugging and research abilities of aircraft application system. At the same time, they have strong computer and foreign language application abilities.

Master the complete basic knowledge system of aerospace engineering, including material

mechanics, engineering thermodynamics, aircraft dynamics, aerodynamics, control principle, aircraft design, aircraft turbomachinery principle, aircraft structural strength and so on.

Master the general engineering design, aircraft design, Aerial engine Design and other design methods.

Understand the frontiers of the discipline. Understand the development trends, theoretical frontiers and application prospects in the field of aerospace.

Master the basic methods of literature retrieval and data query, and have the ability to engage in scientific research and practical work.

Management ability and teamwork ability. Good organizational and management skills, good communication skills, as well as environmental adaptation, team work ability.

International vision. Has the international vision and certain international exchange and cooperation ability.

Life long learning. Have the consciousness of lifelong learning and self-learning ability, innovative consciousness and grasp the basic innovative methods.

III. Study Length and Graduation Requirements

Study length: 4 years

Degree conferred: Bachelor of Engineering

The minimum credit requirement for graduation: 137 credits (not including English courses);

Category	Module	Minimum Credit Requirement
General Education (GE) Required Courses (48 credits)	Science	28
	Physical Education	4
	Chinese Languages & Culture	16
General Education (GE) Elective Courses (13 credits)	Humanities	4
	Social Sciences	4
	Arts	2
	Science	3
Major Course (76 credits)	Major Foundational Courses	20
	Major Core Courses	22
	Major Elective Courses	17
	Research Projects, Internship and Undergraduate Thesis / Projects	17
Total (not including English courses)		137

IV. Discipline

Aerospace Engineering

V. Main Courses

Engineering Mechanics I-Statics and Dynamics, Fundamentals of Electric Circuits, Engineering Thermodynamics, Strength of Materials, Engineering Fluid Mechanics, Aerodynamics, Aircraft Structural Strength, Fundamentals of Machine Design, Aircraft Structure Strength Lab , Aero-Thermal Fluid Lab, Jet and Propulsion, Heat Transfer, Aircraft Design Group Practice.

VI. Practice-Based Courses

Include: Research and Innovation Projects, Metalworking Practices, Summer Internship, Degree Thesis (or Design).

VII. Pre-requisites for Major Declaration

Major Declaration Time	Course Code	Course Name	Prerequisite
Declare major at the end of First Year	MA101B	Calculus I A	
	MA102B	Calculus II A	MA101B
	MA107A	Linear Algebra A	
	PHY103B	General Physics B (I)	
	PHY105B	General Physics B (II)	PHY103B
Declare major at the end of Second Year	MA101B	Calculus I A	
	MA102B	Calculus II A	MA101B
	MA107A	Linear Algebra A	
	PHY103B	General Physics B (I)	
	PHY105B	General Physics B (II)	PHY103B
	MAE203B	Engineering Mechanics I - Statics and Dynamics	MA107A

VIII. Requirements for GE Required Courses

(I) Science Module

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	Instruction Language	Prerequisite	Dept
MA101B	Calculus I A	4		4	1/Fall	E		MATH
MA102B	Calculus II A	4		4	1/Spr	E	MA101B	
MA107A	Linear Algebra A	4		4	1/Fall	E		MATH
PHY103B	General Physics B (I)	4		4	1/Fall	E		PHY
PHY105B	General Physics B (II)	4		4	1/Spr	E	PHY103B	
CH101B	General Chemistry B	3		3	1/Spr/Fall	E		CHEM
CS102B	Introduction to Computer Programming B	3	1	4	1/Spr/Fall	E		CSE
PHY104B	Experiments of Fundamental Physics	2	2	4	1/Spr/Fall	E		PHY
Total		28	3	31				

(II) Physical Education

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Hours/week	Terms	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
GE131	Physical Education I	1	2	Fall	C	NA	PE Center
GE132	Physical Education II	1	2	Spr	C	NA	
GE231	Physical Education III	1	2	Fall	C	NA	
GE232	Physical Education IV	1	2	Spr	C	NA	
GE331	Physical Education V	0	2	Fall	C	NA	
GE332	Physical Education VI	0	2	Spr	C	NA	
Total		4	12				
<p>GE131、GE132、GE231、GE232、GE331、GE332 are required PE courses offered by Center For Physical Education. Students are required to select a specific sport program each semester. Student who meets the exemption conditions stated in "SUSTech Physical Education Course Exemption Regulation" can apply for exemption from GE331 and GE332.</p>							

(III) Chinese Languages & Culture

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	Instruction Language	Prerequisite
CLE008	Elementary Chinese I	2	4	1/Fall	B	NA	CLE
CLE009	Elementary Chinese II	2	4	1/Spr	B	CLE008	
CLE027	Intermediate Chinese I	2	4	2/Fall	B	CLE009	
CLE028	Intermediate Chinese II	2	4	2/Spr	B	CLE027	
CLE031	Advanced Chinese I	2	4	3/Fall	B	CLE028	
CLE032	Advanced Chinese II	2	4	3/Spr	B	CLE031	
CLE033	Chinese Culture	2	2	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	CLE/ HUM/ SSC
CLE034	Chinese History	2	2	Spr/Fall	B/E	NA	
Total		16	28				

(IV) English Language

Students will undertake the English Placement Test and be placed into three levels according to the result of the test and their performance in the National College Entrance Exam. Students at different levels are required to take the courses with a different credit value in total.

Level A: 8 credits; SUSTech English III, English for Academic Purposes and 2-credit CLE elective course

Level B: 12 credits; SUSTech English II, SUSTech English III, English for Academic Purposes, and 2-credit CLE elective course

Level C: 14 credits; SUSTech English I, SUSTech English II, SUSTech English III, and English for Academic Purposes.

List of English Language Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Hours/week	Instruction Language	Prerequisite	Dept	Notes
CLE021	SUSTech English I	4	4	E	NA	CLE	Required
CLE022	SUSTech English II	4	4	E	CLE021		
CLE023	SUSTech English III	4	4	E	CLE022		
CLE030	English for Academic Purposes	2	2	E	CLE023		
/	(at least one 2-credit CLE elective course)	2	2	E	CLE030		Level A & B Required

IX Requirements for GE Elective Courses

(I) Students are required to complete 4 credits for the Humanities Module and Social Sciences Module respectively, and 2 credits for the Music and Art Module. (Information about the available courses and the instruction language will be announced before the course selection

session)

(II) Students are required to complete 3 credits for Science Module

Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours/week	Term	Language Instruction	Prerequisite	Dept
BIO102B	Introduction to Life Science	3		3	1/Spr/Fall	B	NA	BIO
PHYS001	Open Physics Laboratory I	1	1	2	1/Smr	B	NA	PHY
MAE112	Introduction to Matlab	2	1	3	1/Spr	C		ME
CS103	Introduction to Artificial Intelligence	2		2	1/Spr	E		CS
CS205	C/C++ Program Design	3		3	2/ Fall	E		CS
Total		11	2	13				

X. Major Course Arrangement

Table 1: Major Required Course (Foundational and Core Courses)

Course Category	Course Code	Course Name	Credit	Lab Credits	Hours / week	Term	Advised term to take the course	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
Major Foundational Courses	ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	4.5	Fall/ Spr/ Smr	1/Spr	B	NA	MEE
	EE104	Fundamentals of Electric Circuits	2		2	Fall/ Spr	1/Spr	B	MA107B MA101B	EE
	MAE203B	Engineering Mechanics I - Statics and Dynamics*	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	E	MA107A	MAE
	MA212	Probability and Statistics	3		3	Fall / Spr	2/Fall	B	MA102B	MATH
	MAE305	Engineering Thermodynamics*	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	B	MA102B	MAE
	MAE207	Engineering Fluid Mechanics*	3		3	Fall/ Spr	2/Fall	B	MA102B	MAE
	MAE202	Mechanics of Materials*	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	B	MA107A MA102B	MAE
	Total			20	1.5	21.5				
Major Core Courses	MAE405	Aerodynamics	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	B	MA102B	MAE
	MAE307	Aircraft Structural Strength	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	E	MAE202	MAE
	ME303	Fundamentals of Machine Design	3		3	Fall/ Spr	3/Fall	B	ME102 MAE203B MAE202	MEE
	MAE315	Aero-Thermal Fluid Lab	2	2	4	Fall	3/Fall	B	MAE207 or MAE303	MAE
	MAE316	Experiments in Aircraft Structural Mechanics	2	2	4	Spr	3/Spr	B	MAE202	MAE
	MAE407	Jet and Propulsion	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE305 Or PHY204	MAE
	MAE308	Heat Transfer	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MA102B	MAE
	MAE417	Aircraft Design Group Practice	3	2	5	Fall	4/Fall	B	NA	MAE
Total			22	6	28					
	MAE499	Research and Innovation Projects	2	2	4	Fall/ Spr	4/Fall	B	NA	MAE
	ME103	Awareness Practice of Manufacturing Engineering	3	2	5	Fall/ Spr		B	NA	MEE
	MAE480	Summer Internship	4	4		Smr	3/Smr	B	NA	MAE
	MAE490	Degree Thesis (or Design) *	8	8		Spr	4/Spr		NA	MAE
				17	16					
Students who have completed Comprehensive Design I & II (COE491 & COE492) are not required to take the Graduation Project (or Thesis) (MAE490) .										

Table 2: Major Elective Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Lab Credits	Hours / week	Term	Advised term to take the course	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
MAE498	Research and Innovation Projects of Mechanics and Aerospace Engineering	2	2	4	Fall / Spr	2/Fall-4/Fall	C	NA	MAE
MAE101	Experimental DIY: Discover the beauty of mechanics	2	2	4	Spr/Fall	1/Spr/Fall	B	NA	MAE
MAE102	Flight Simulating Experiment	1	1	2	Spr/Fall/Smr	1/Spr/Fall/Smr	C	NA	MAE
MAE205	Introduction to Aeronautics and Mechanics	2		2	Fall	2/Fall	B	NA	MAE
MAE206	Introduction to Aircraft Engines	1		1	Fall	2/Fall	B	NA	MAE
MAE208	Lectures on selected Engineering Software	2		2	Fall / Spr	2/Spr	C	NA	MAE
MAE210	Engineering Materials	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	C	NA	MAE
MAE204	Theoretical Mechanics II	3		3	Spr	2/Spr	B	MA107A MA102B	MAE
MAE211	Overseas Practice	2	2	4	Smr	2/Smr	B	NA	MAE
MAE312	Aircraft Flight Dynamics	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	E	MA102B	MAE
MAE313	Aero Engine Structure and Strength	3	1	4	Fall	3/Fall	E	NA	MAE
MAE309	General Principles of Transport Phenomena	3		3	Fall	3/Fall	E	MA102B	MAE
MAE304	Elasticity	4		4	Spr	3/Spr	C	MAE203 MAE202	MAE
MAE403	Computational Fluid Dynamics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE207 or MAE303	MAE
MAE310	Computational Solid Mechanics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE202	MAE
MAE320	Mechanism of Flight Vehicle	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	B	MAE207 or MAE303	MAE
MAE323	Mordern Numerical Methods	3	1	4	Spr	3/Spr	E	MA102B	MAE
MAE318	Theory of Vibration	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE203B MA201b	MAE
MAE5027	Interfacial Phenomena	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	C	PHY105B	MAE
MAE5021	Fracture Mechanics	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE202	MAE
MAE7001	Multiphase Flow	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	E	MAE207	MAE
MAE5017	Aeroacoustics	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	E	MAE207 Or MAE303	MAE
MAE311	Principles of Turbomachinery	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	C	MA102B	MAE
MAE5020	Mechanics of Composite Materials	3		3	Fall	4/Fall	B	MA102B	MAE
MAE419	Aerodynamic analysis and design of aircraft	2		2	Fall	4/Fall	C	MAE403	MAE
MA201b	Ordinary Differential Equations B	4		4	Fall / Spr	2/Fall	B	MA102B	MATH
ME307	Fundamentals of Control Engineering	3	1	4	Fall / Spr	3/Fall	B	EE104	MEE

ME306	Fundamentals of Robotics	3	1	4	Fall / Spr	3/Spr	B	ME303 ME307	MEE
ME310	Fundamentals of Measurement Technology	3		3	Spr	3/Spr	B	ME307 EE205	MEE
ME301	Dynamics and Vibration	3	1	4	Fall / Spr	3/Spr	B	MA201b MAE203B	MEE
EE205	Signals and Systems	3	1	4	Fall	2/Fall	B	MA101B	EE
EE201-17	Analog Circuits	3		3	Fall	2/Fall	C	PHY105B EE104	EE
EE323	Digital Signal Processing	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	E	EE205	EE
CS203B	Data Structures and Algorithm Analysis B	3	1	4	Fall	2/Fall	B	CS102A	CSE
PHY221	Open Physics Laboratory II	1	1	2	Fall	2/Fall	B	NA	PHY
PHY201-1 5	Physics Laboratory II	2	2	4	Fall	2/Fall	B	PHY103B	PHY
PHY203-1 5	Mathematical Methods in Physics	4		4	Fall	2/Fall	C	MA107A MA102B	PHY
PHY202	Physics Laboratory III	2	2	4	Spr	2/Spr	B	PHY103B	PHY
PHY425	Modern Techniques in Materials Characterization	3	1	4	Fall	4/Fall	B	PHY206-15	PHY
Total		109	21	130					
Notes: 1. Students are required to complete 17 credits for the Major Elective Courses.									

Table 3: Overview of Practice-Based Courses

Course Code	Course Name	Credits	Lab Credits	Hours / week	Term	Advised term to take the course	Instruction language	Prerequisite	Dept.
ME102	CAD and Engineering Drawing	3	1.5	4.5	Fall / Spr/ Smr	1/Spr	B	NA	MEE
MAE211	Overseas Practice	2	2	4	Smr	2/Smr	B	NA	MAE
MAE315	Aero-Thermal Fluid Lab	2	2	4	Fall	3/Fall	B	MAE207 or MAE303	MAE
MAE316	Experiments in Aircraft Structural Mechanics	2	2	4	Spr	3/Spr	B	MAE202	MAE
MAE417	Aircraft Design Group Practice	3	2	5	Fall	4/Fall	B	NA	MAE
MAE499	Research and Innovation Projects	2	2	4	Fall / Spr	4/Fall	B	NA	MAE
ME103	Awareness Practice of Manufacturing Engineering	3	2	5	Fall / Spr/ Smr	1/Fall--4/Fall	B	NA	MEE
MAE480	Summer Internship	4	4		Smr	3/Smr	B	NA	MAE
MAE490	Degree Thesis(or Design)	8	8		Spr	4/Spr		NA	MAE
Total		29	25.5						

Table 4: Overview of Course Hours and Credits

Course Category	Total Course Hours	Total Credits	Credit Requirements	Percentage of the Total*
General Education (GE) Required Courses (not including English courses)	1072	48	48	35.0%
General Education (GE) Elective Courses			13	9.5%
Major Foundational Courses	344	20	20	14.6%
Major Core Courses	448	22	22	16.1%
Major Elective Courses	2160	112	17	12.4%
Research Projects, Internship and Undergraduate Thesis/Projects	544	17	17	12.4%
Total (not including English courses)	4568	232	137	100%

* Percentage of the total= Credit requirements of each line / Total credit requirements

Curriculum Structure of Aerospace Engineering



