Course Syllabus

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Class Location: OHE120  
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Please include “ASTE581” in the subject.  
Course Website: https://courses.uscden.net

Required Text

There is no required textbook for this class.

Prerequisites

ASTE 580 (Orbital Mechanics I)

Course Description

This course covers advanced concepts and methods applicable to practical and realistic astrodynamics problems. Topics include: the two-body problem, Hamiltonian and Lagrangian dynamics, Keplerian orbits, the $N$-body problem, the 3-body problem, planetary equations of motion, numerical integration, linear orbit theory, stability analysis, perturbation methods, oblateness and irregular shape, uncertainty propagation, and Monte-Carlo simulation. Other topics as time permits.

Grading

- Homework: 40%
- Project progress report: 10%
- Final project: 50%
Project

- There is no final exam in this course. Instead there is a final project.
- The project topic must be related to astrodynamics, e.g., mission design, maneuver design, navigation, etc.
- Each student must submit a project topic by 01/23/2019, Wednesday, 5 pm PST, including the objective and proposed method.
- A project progress report is due on 03/01/2019.
- The final project report (including programs) is due on 04/25/2019 before the beginning of the class. The report must be typed and concise. Font size of 10 is preferred.

References