

AME 460 Aerodynamic Theory

University of Southern California – Spring 2021

Course Syllabus

Term	Spring 2021 (Jan. 15 – May 12, 2021)
Lectures	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:50am
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Teaching Assistant	TBD

Course Description

The goal of the course is to teach the fundamental concepts and techniques used in aerodynamics—the study of the flow of air about a body—as applied to subsonic, transonic, and supersonic regimes. Topics covered include conservation principles, incompressible flows, potential flows, thin airfoil and lifting line theories, quasi-one-dimensional compressible flows and shocks, small disturbance approximation, and an introduction to viscous flows and boundary layer theory.

Textbook John D. Anderson Jr., *Fundamentals of Aerodynamics*, 6th edition, 2016, McGraw-Hill
(*Note: an older edition can also be used*)

Required Preparation

- AME 309 Dynamics of Fluids, or equivalent course in fluid mechanics
- Basic physics, vector calculus, and differential equations, at a level common to 1st year college

Grading

- Homework: 50% of final grade (two lowest grades dropped)
- Midterm exam: 30% of final grade (in-class and take-home parts)
- Final exam: 20% of final grade (in-class)

Resources

Blackboard course management system <https://blackboard.usc.edu>

Course material will be posted on **Blackboard**. This includes homework assignments, but graded homework and exams will only be available on **gradescope** (see below).

Piazza Discussion Forum <https://piazza.com>

You are strongly encouraged to use the **Piazza discussion forum** (integrated within Blackboard) to ask questions, make comments, and answer questions from your peers. When discussing homework assignments, do not give out the answers to questions! That would be a violation of the Collaboration Policy. Public posts related to graded assignments should only be for clarification purposes. No posts are allowed while a take-home exam is out.

Homework and Exam Grading on gradescope <https://gradescope.com>

Assignments will be graded on **gradescope**. You will submit your homeworks and exams on paper, and see your grade and comments online on gradescope once they are graded.

You will receive an email to your USC email address with instructions on how to log in after the first homework is graded.

References

We will be following Anderson's textbook closely, but there are a number of other good books on aerodynamics. The following references are good complements for those students who want to get another perspective or go in more depth on the material.

Fundamentals:

- J. Katz and A. Plotkin *Low-Speed Aerodynamics*, Cambridge University Press
- J.D. McLean, *Understanding Aerodynamics*, Wiley

Advanced Topics:

- M. Drela, *Flight Vehicle Aerodynamics*, MIT Press
- F.M. White, *Viscous Fluid Flow*, McGraw-Hill
- H. Schlichting, *Boundary Layer Theory*, Springer

Course Policies

These course policies are designed to help students learn the material effectively, and the course assessment system is designed to best test students on what they really know, and can effectively use, in a real-world context. To ensure fairness, the rules will be strictly enforced.

Collaboration

- Collaboration of any sort on all matters that are not graded is strongly encouraged.
- Students may discuss the homework problems with one another, but no written or digital material can be part of such exchanges. *If it's not in your head, it isn't yours.* The corollary is that *you must develop and write your own solutions.*
- Absolutely no collaboration is allowed on take-home exams: these are individual efforts, and you are not allowed to discuss them with anyone else than the instructor.
- We will be very strict about academic integrity violations and report them as appropriate.

Homework Assignments

- Weekly homework will be assigned on Thursdays and due the following Thursday most weeks (except before exams). It is due *before* class begins on the due date. To be fair to everyone, late submissions will incur a 20% penalty after the due *time* (9:30am) and for each 24h delay.
- Homework must be submitted in class to the instructor on paper on the assignment pages provided (hard-copies). If you are not able to make the lecture on a due date, email your submission to the instructor by the due time.
- The two lowest homework grades will be dropped when computing the homework portion of the final grade. These can of course include homeworks that you do not submit.
- In order to receive full credit, solutions must be presented in a clear manner, and show evidence of work: magical one-line answers do not make the cut. The reasoning is as important as the solution. *This also applies to the exams.*

Office Hours

Office hours are held by both instructor and teaching assistant, and provide a good opportunity for you to get clarifications and better understand the course material. This time is best utilized when students come with *clear questions* and at least *an attempt at a solution*. The goal is for us to help you clarify the concepts and guide you through your thought process. *It is not meant as a way for you to effortlessly obtain the solutions.* So come often but prepared.

Topics and Tentative Schedule

You are responsible for reading the chapter(s) in the textbook **before** the corresponding lecture.

Week	Date	Topics	Reading
1	JAN 19, 21	I. Introduction . Forces and moments . Flow similarity . Aerodynamic performance	Ch. 1
2	JAN 26, 28	II. Conservation laws . Conservation of mass, conservation of momentum . Intrinsic coordinates, streamlines, stream function	Ch. 2
3	FEB 2, 4		
4	FEB 9, 11	III. Incompressible potential flows . Equations, flow modeling . Non-lifting flow models . Lifting flow models . 2D aero modeling . 3D aero modeling	Ch. 3, 6
5	FEB 16, 18		
6	FEB 23, 25		
7	MAR 2, 4		
8	MAR 9, 11		
9	MAR 16 MAR 18	Midterm review Midterm exam, in-class part	
10	MAR 23 MAR 25	<i>No class (Wellness Day)</i> IV. Shock-expansion theory . Gas dynamics, energy equation . Normal shocks Midterm exam, take-home part: due Thursday March 25	Ch. 7 Ch. 8
11	MAR 30 APR 1	. Oblique shocks, expansion waves . Quasi 1D flows and applications	
12	APR 6, 8	V. Inviscid compressible aerodynamics . Full potential flow . Small disturbances, perturbation potential . Linearized compressible potential flow . Subsonic linearized potential flow, Prandtl-Glauert . Supersonic linearized potential flow . Transonic flows and design considerations	Ch. 11, 12
13	APR 13, 15		
14	APR 20	VI. Viscous flows and boundary layer theory . Viscous flows fundamentals <i>No class (Wellness Day)</i> . Boundary layer equations and integral parameters . Laminar boundary layers . Turbulent boundary layers . Stability and transition	Ch. 15 Ch. 17 Ch. 18 Ch. 19
15	APR 22 APR 27, 29		
	MAY 11		

Statement on Academic Conduct and Support Systems

Academic Conduct

Plagiarism — presenting someone else’s ideas as your own, either verbatim or recast in your own words — is a serious academic offense with serious consequences. Please familiarize yourself with the discussion of plagiarism in *SCampus* in Part B, Section 11, “Behavior Violating University Standards” <https://policy.usc.edu/scampus-part-b/>. Other forms of academic dishonesty are equally unacceptable. See additional information in *SCampus* and university policies on scientific misconduct, <http://policy.usc.edu/scientific-misconduct>.

Support Systems

Student Counseling Services (SCS) – (213) 740-7711 – 24/7 on call

<https://engemannshc.usc.edu/counseling/>

Free and confidential mental health treatment for students, including short-term psychotherapy, group counseling, stress fitness workshops, and crisis intervention.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline – 1-800-273-8255 – 24/7 on call

<http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org>

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Relationship & Sexual Violence Prevention Services (RSVP) – (213) 740-4900 – 24/7 on call

<https://engemannshc.usc.edu/rsvp/>

Free and confidential therapy services, workshops, and training for situations related to gender-based harm.

Office of Equity and Diversity (OED) | Title IX – (213) 740-5086

<https://equity.usc.edu>, <http://titleix.usc.edu>

Information about how to get help or help a survivor of harassment or discrimination, rights of protected classes, reporting options, and additional resources for students, faculty, staff, visitors, and applicants. The university prohibits discrimination or harassment based on the following protected characteristics: race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, sex, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, age, physical disability, medical condition, mental disability, marital status, pregnancy, veteran status, genetic information, and any other characteristic which may be specified in applicable laws and governmental regulations.

Bias Assessment Response and Support – (213) 740-2421

<https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/bias-assessment-response-support>

Avenue to report incidents of bias, hate crimes, and microaggressions for appropriate investigation and response.

The Office of Disability Services and Programs – (213) 740-0776

<http://dsp.usc.edu>

Support and accommodations for students with disabilities. Services include assistance in providing readers/notetakers/interpreters, special accommodations for test taking needs, assistance with architectural barriers, assistive technology, and support for individual needs.

USC Support and Advocacy – (213) 821-4710

<https://studentaffairs.usc.edu/ssa>

Assists students and families in resolving complex personal, financial, and academic issues adversely affecting their success as a student.

Diversity at USC – (213) 740-2101

<https://diversity.usc.edu> Information on events, programs and training, the Provost’s Diversity and Inclusion Council, Diversity Liaisons for each academic school, chronology, participation, and various resources for students.

USC Emergency – UPC: (213) 740-4321, HSC: (323) 442-1000 – 24/7 on call

<http://dps.usc.edu>, <https://emergency.usc.edu>

Emergency assistance and avenue to report a crime. Latest updates regarding safety, including ways in which instruction will be continued if an officially declared emergency makes travel to campus infeasible.

USC Department of Public Safety – UPC: (213) 740-6000, HSC: (323) 442-120 – 24/7 on call

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