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ASTE 520 Spacecraft System Design



Required for Astronautical Engineering

Regardless of your engineering or science major (electrical, mechanical, aerospace, systems, computer, etc. or physics, astronomy, chemistry, math, etc.) and regardless of your job function (research, development, design, test, manufacturing, management, marketing, etc.)

If you work or plan/desire to work in the space/defense industry or government space R&D centers or in space operations, then ... this is a course (on space systems) that you must take.

ASTE520 focuses on the fundamentals of space systems. It will help you put into perspective your area of specialization and enable professional communications with other subsystem specialists.

The popular course is among the largest graduate space systems and space technology courses in the United States, with 2200 students enrolled since 1994.

Academic year 2022–2023

ASTE520 Spacecraft Systems Design is offered only in the fall (2022) semester (not offered in Spring 2023).

Fall 2022 Thursday, 6:40 – 9:20 pm (Pacific Time)

Class enrollment is unlimited

For students enrolled in the class:

Course materials for ASTE 520 will be posted on the DEN class website in mid-August.

Help with access the D2L site http://gapp.usc.edu/graduate-programs/den/students

ASTE-520 public web site (http://astronauticsnow.com/aste520/) provides information on the syllabus, textbooks, and much more.

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For students with ASTE Bachelor of Science degree from USC (BS ASTE)

Since you studied some ASTE-520 topics in ASTE-280 and ASTE-330/331ab, you can waive the ASTE-520 requirement toward MS ASTE.

Please check first the ASTE-520 course content in Section 00, Part 1 and Part 2 (no password required) of the course notes – you can also view them at

http://astronauticsnow.com/aste520/aste520 info web recent.pdf

Then, decide. The decision is entirely up to you.

If you decide to waive the ASTE-520 requirement, then you **must** contact ASTE Student Services Director Mr. Luis Saballos and inform him – the waiver must be added to your file.

For students with non-USC Bachelor of Science degrees

If you took a course similar to (or significantly overlapping with) ASTE-520 during your studies, then you can waive this course requirement towards MS ASTE.

Please consult

http://astronauticsnow.com/msaste/faq.html#Waiver_of_the_required_course how to proceed.