

USC Viterbi School of Engineering

AME 544: Computer Control of Mechanical Systems

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Location: KAP147

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Course Description:

Modeling of computer controlled machines including electrical and electronic components, actuators and sensors, discrete-time controller design, and implementation of control laws using computers/microprocessors.

Prerequisite(s):

AME 451 Linear Control Systems or equivalent

Required Textbook:

No textbook is required.

Recommended Textbooks:

Feedback Control of Dynamic Systems, Gene F. Franklin, J. Da Powell, Abbas Emami-Naeini

Digital Control of Dynamic Systems, Gene F. Franklin, J. David Powell, Michael L. Workman

Grading Breakdown

Assignment	% of Grade
Homework	20
Midterm Exam	40
Final (Experimental Report)	40
Total	100

Assignment Submission Policy:

Homework assignments that are turned in late will be accepted, but they will be marked down for each passing day.

Make-up Policy:

No make-up exams will be given without **prior** approval and then only for emergency purposes.

Disclaimer:

The instructor reserves the right to change, revise, and / or update the syllabus at any time during the semester if the need arises.

Course Schedule:

Week No	Date	Subject
1	01/14	Introduction and Overview
2	01/21	Actuators/Sensors/Amplifiers Motors (Brush and brushless DC servo Motors), Hydraulic Actuators, Optical (Incremental and Absolute) Encoders, Resolvers Linear and Switched (PWM) amplifiers
3	01/28	Modeling of Computer Controlled Machines
4	02/04	Feedback and Feedforward Compensation Techniques
5	02/11	Software Implementation of Servo-loop Closure
6	02/18	Discretization of Analog Controllers Backwards difference, forward difference and bilinear transformation methods, pole-zero mapping.
7	02/25	Direct discrete-time design of control laws, sampled-data analysis of motion control servo loops

8	03/04	Midterm Exam
9	03/11	Lumped parameter models of electro-mechanical systems with mechanical flexibility, collocated and non-collocated controller design, notch filter design
10	03/18	No Class- SPRING BREAK
11	03/25	Laboratory Experiment # 1: PD control of Rigid Body: System identification
12	04/01	PD design, experimental analysis of effect of sampling time on performance
13	04/08	Integral Control and feed-forward compensation
14	04/15	Laboratory Experiment # 2: 2 DOF plant System Identification
15	04/22	Non-collocated PD and non-collocated PD plus notch filter design and implementation
16	04/29	Non-collocated successive loop closure design and implementation
17	05/13	Last day to submit Experimental Report

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