

## Syllabus

### MAE 4410: Fundamentals of Astrodynamics

University of Colorado at Colorado Springs  
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

Meets: M 4:30 -7:05  
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#### Textbooks:

Prussing, J.E., and Conway, B.A., Orbital Mechanics, Oxford University Press, New York 1993.

Bate, R.R., Mueller, D.D., and White, J.E., Fundamentals of Astrodynamics, Dover Publications, Inc., New York, 1971.

**Midterm I: Monday, October 7, 2002 (2 hours)**

**Midterm II: Monday, November 18, 2002 (2 hours)**

**Final: Monday, December 16, 2002 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Last Day of Class (Lecture): Monday, December 9, 2002, Also, No Class September 2, 2002**

**Grading:**

- Homework: 15%**
- Midterm I: 25%**
- Midterm II: 25%**
- Final (Comprehensive): 25%**
- Project : 10%**

\*Homework will be due at the beginning of class on the due date. Late policy: 50% off, one day late, and will not be accepted 2 days late. Homework will be assigned in class.

\*A final project involving satellite orbits will be due on the last day of classes.

**Prerequisites: MAE 2102: Dynamics**

**MATH 313: Introduction to Linear Algebra**

**MATH 340: Introduction to Differential Equations**

**CS 206: Topics in Computer Science**

**Note: This course no longer meets with MAE 5410**

**Course Outline:**

**A solid overview of Chapters 1-4, 6 and 9 from *Orbital Mechanics* will be covered in addition to supplemental material from *Fundamentals of Astrodynamics*.**

	<b>Course Chapters</b>
<b>1. The n-body problem</b>	<b>OM: 1.1-1.7 FOA: 1.1 –1.11</b>
<b>2. Positions in Orbit as a Function of Time</b>	<b>OM: 2.1 - 2.5 FOA: 4.1 – 4.3</b>
<b>3. The Orbit in Space</b>	<b>OM: 3.1- 3.3 FOA: 2.1 – 2.6</b>
<b>4. Lambert's Problem</b>	<b>OM: 4.1 - 4.10</b>
<b>5. The Rocket Equations</b>	<b>OM: 5.1-5.3, 5.5</b>
<b>6. Basic Orbital Maneuvers</b>	<b>OM: 6.1 – 6.4, 6.6 FOA: 3.1 – 3.4</b>
<b>7. Perturbation</b>	<b>OM: 9.1 – 9.4 FOA: 9.1 - 9.7</b>

**Course Outline Subject to Appending as the Semester Progresses.**