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## AEROSPACE ENGINEERING TECHNICAL ELECTIVES

(This is a general TE list- refer to the mae.ucsd.edu website for the specific list of TEs for a specialization)

Aerospace Engineering majors following the Fall 2023 catalog must complete five TE's. Aerospace Engineering majors following the Fall 2019 catalog must complete two TE's. Aerospace Engineering majors following a pre-Fall 2019 catalog must complete one TE

## The following classes that are not already required for your major are approved as TEs:

MAE 101C	Heat Transfer (approved TE for FA23 plan only)	
MAE 101D	Intermediate Heat Transfer	
MAE 108	Probability and Statistical Methods for Engineering	
	(Credit <b>not</b> offered for MAE 108 if ECE 109, ECON 120A, MATH 180A,	
	MATH 183, MATH 186, or SE 125 were taken)	
MAE 110	Thermodynamic Systems (formerly 110B)	
MAE 114	Space Propulsion	
MAE 118	Intro to Energy & Environment	
MAE 119	Intro to Renewable Energy: Solar & Wind	
MAE 120	Intro to Nuclear Energy	
MAE 122	Flow & Transport in the Environment	
MAE 130	Advanced Vibrations	
MAE 131B	Solid Mechanics II	
MAE 133	Finite Element Methods	
MAE 144	Embedded Control and Robotics	
MAE 145	Robotic Planning and Estimation	
MAE 146	Intro to ML Algorithms	
MAE 148	Intro to Autonomous Vehicles	
MAE 150	Computational Methods for Design	
MAE 153	Design of Machine Components	
MAE 154	Product Design & Entrepreneurship	
MAE 180	Orbital Mechanics	
MAE 181	Space Mission Analysis and Design	
MAE 182	Spacecraft Guidance and Navigation	
MAE 184	Flight Simulation Techniques	
MAE 185	Computational Fluid Mechanics	
MAE 190	Topics: Marine Robotics ( <i>Note: Must be this specific course topic</i> )	
MAE 190	Topics: Radiation and Light Sources (Note: Must be this specific course topic)	
MAE 199	Independent Study (2 quarters of MAE 199 can be used for 1 TE under	
	certain circumstances. See our website, mae.ucsd.edu, for details.)	

<sup>-</sup>Not all courses are offered each year/quarter.

<sup>-</sup>All prerequisites are enforced.

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SE 131	Finite Element Analysis
SE 142	Design of Composite Structures
SE 143A	Aerospace Structural Design I
SE 143B	Aerospace Structural Design II

Note: SE 143A/B are the SE senior design capstone courses so students will be expected to complete both A&B in consecutive quarters (credit will be given for 2 TEs)

SE 160B Aerospace Structural Mechanics II (approved TE for FA23 plan only)

SE 163 Nondestructive Evaluation

SE 171 Aerospace Structures Repair

ECE 120 Solar System Physics

ECE 172A Introduction to Intelligent Systems

MATH 102 Applied Linear Algebra

MATH 120A Elements of Complex Analysis

MATH 175 Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations

MATH 187A Intro to Cryptography

MAE 160 is not an approved TE due to overlapping material in SE 160A/B.

## **GRADUATE COURSES\***

MAE 200 Controls

MAE 201 Mechanics of Fluids

MAE 202 Thermal Processes

MAE 203 Solid Mechanics and Materials

MAE 204 Robotics

MAE 206 Energy Systems

MAE 208 Mathematics for Engineers

MAE 211 Intro to Combustion

MAE 212 Introductory Compressible Flow

MAE 222 Human Space Exploration

MAE 240 Space Flight Mechanics

SE 201A Advanced Structural Analysis

SE 202 Structural Stability

SE 203 Structural Dynamics

**Global TIES**: One quarter of ENG 100D and two consecutive quarters of ENG 100L can be used for one TE. (*only for students following the FA19, FA23 catalog*)

All TEs must be taken for a letter grade. No P/NP grades allowed except in MAE 199. For

information about receiving TE credit for courses not on this list, please contact a

MAE undergraduate advisor through the VAC.

<sup>\*</sup> Enrollment in graduate courses requires approval by the instructor and course dept via an EASy request.