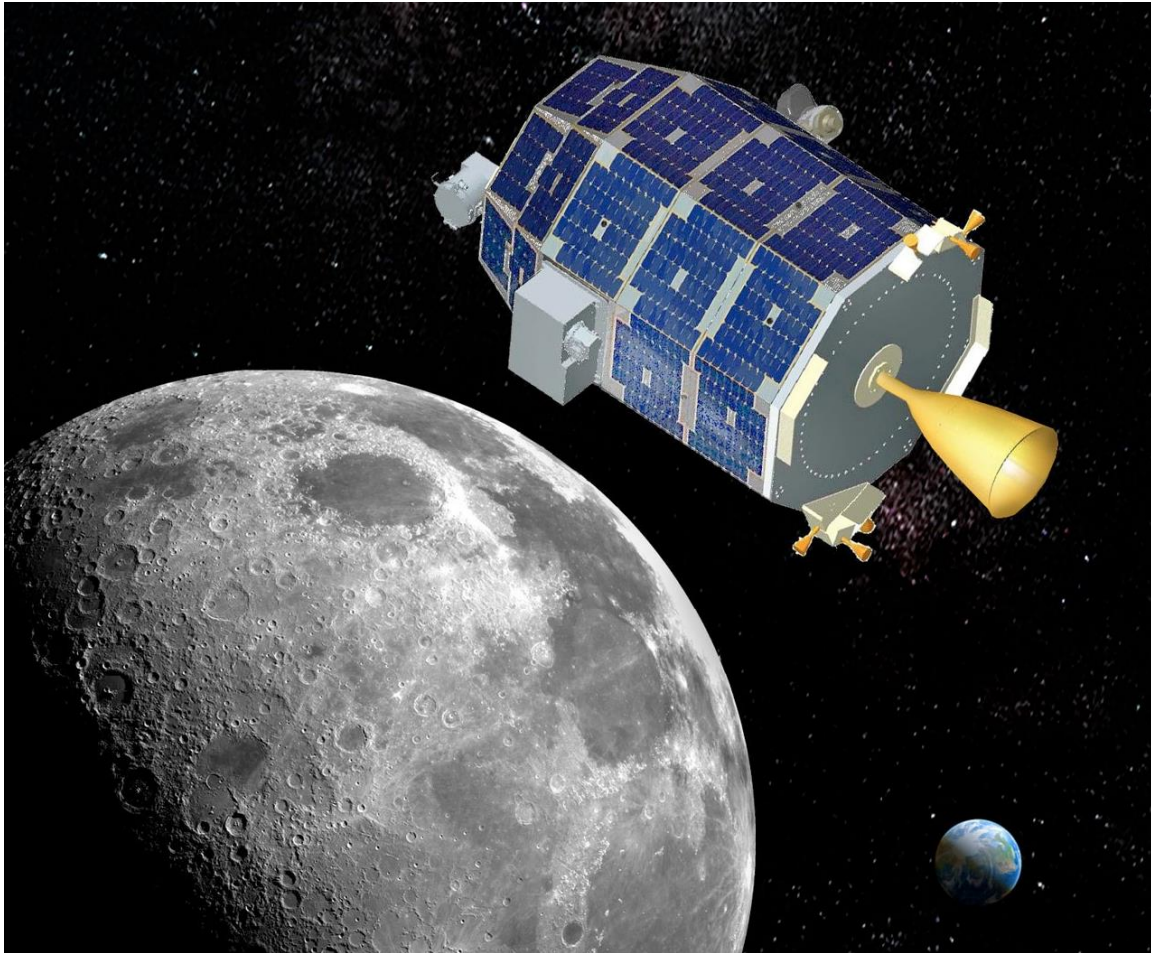


**AE 245 – Spacecraft Dynamics and Control****Instructor Info**

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**Credit**

3 units

**Class Days / Time**

M 18:00 – 20:45

**Classroom**

Engr. CL 222

**Prerequisites**

“C-” or better in Math32 & Phys50

**Co-requisite**

Engr100W

**Textbook**

M.J. Sidi, Spacecraft Dynamics and Control: A Practical Engineering Approach, John Wiley & Sons  
Class notes

**AE 245 – Spacecraft Dynamics and Control****Additional References**

V.A. Chobotov, *Spacecraft Attitude Dynamics and Control*,  
Krieger Publishing Company  
A.E. Bryson, Jr., *Control of Spacecraft and Aircraft*, Princeton  
University Press  
Bong Wie, *Space Vehicle Dynamics and Control*, AIAA  
Ogata, K., *Modern Control Engineering*, Prentice Hall

**Description**

Rigid body dynamics review. Attitude kinematical representation. Development and solution of general equations of motion. Single and dual-spin, zero and biased-momentum spacecraft. Control system design strategies. Common torque elements. Computer simulations.

The contents of this course include:

- Development of rigid body equations of motion.
- Flexible modes and eigen analysis.
- Spin stability analysis.
- Stability properties of matrix-second-order systems.
- Modeling of flexible space structures.
- Spacecraft attitude control and stabilization.
- Application of modern control theory.

**Goals**      The goals of this course are to:

- Introduce the spacecraft motions and how these motions can be controlled.
- Provide the fundamental background in the analysis of flexible space structures.
- Analyze and synthesize the control systems using modern control techniques.

**Learning Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Derive equations of motion for rigid body space vehicles
- Solve eigenvalue/eigenvector problems
- Use matrix-second-order representation to describe space structure dynamics
- Analyze rigid body and flexible modes
- Design a stabilizing controller for precision positioning systems
- Describe and discuss various design methodologies and their trade-offs.

**AE 245 – Spacecraft Dynamics and Control****GRADING:** Grading is based on the following:

- Homework: 30%
- Mid-term: 30%
- Final: 40%

**APPROXIMATE WEEKLY SCHEDULE:**

<u>Week</u>	<u>Lecture Topic(s)</u>
01	Introduction
02	Rigid body dynamics
03	Attitude dynamics & kinematics: Quaternions
04	State-space representation. Feedback control systems
05	System analysis in time & frequency domain
06	Gravity gradient stabilization
07	Spin stabilization
08	Quaternions-based attitude maneuvers
09	Mid-term exam
10	Reaction wheel (RW) dynamics
11	Sun safe controller design
12	Reaction control system (RCS): Thruster dynamics
13	RCS attitude control
14	Application of advanced control techniques
15	Structural dynamics & liquid sloshing
16	Summary and review

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