

# ASEN 6014 Spacecraft Formation Flying

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**Lectures:** TR 8:30-9:45am, AERO 114

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**Final Exam:** TBD

**Text:** H. Schaub and J. L. Junkins, *Analytical Mechanics of Space Systems*, 4th Edition, AIAA Education Series, 2017. (if needed, please download the errata sheet from the web page

<http://hanspeterschaub.info/books.html>)

Course notes supplied on the class canvas web site.

**Canvas Course Web Page:** <https://canvas.colorado.edu>

**Lecture Recording Web Page:**

see "Lecture Access" at top-left of the class' canvas course web page

**Overview:** Studies the dynamic modeling and control of spacecraft formations orbiting about a planet. Investigate linear and nonlinear relative motion descriptions, rectilinear and curvilinear coordinates, orbit element difference based descriptions,  $J_2$ -invariant relative orbits, as well as Lyapunov-based relative motion control strategies. Pre: ASEN 5050 or equivalent, or permission of instructor (3H, 3C)

**Goal:** To introduce students to the spacecraft formation flying kinematics, dynamics, and control.

**Homework Policy:** Each homework assignment is due on the specified due date and must be turned in at the beginning of the lecture. Normally, late homework will not be accepted. All homework should be submitted electronically on the canvas web site as a single PDF document. Combine separate PDFs into one. You don't have to type up your homework (you can if you wish), but rather it is ok to scan in hand-written

pages as well. Some homework will require simple programs to be created. These can be done in Python, Matlab, Maple, Mathematica, C, or Fortran. See instructor if not sure about the software package being used. If a homework has been graded incorrectly, you need to see me within 2 weeks of having the homework returned to you.

**Exams:** There will be a mid-term exam and no final exam. If you have exam grading issues, you must see me within 2 weeks of having the exam returned to you. There will also be two course projects which will require you to write a technical report. These reports must be type written and composed as a professional technical report.

**Class Attendance:** You are expected to attend class. If you need to miss a lecture, it is your responsibility to catch up on the material. Don't go to the instructor to catch up on missed material. Rather, catch up on the class recordings on canvas, or speak with class mates and get the notes from them. Campus policy regarding religious observances requires that faculty make every effort to reasonably and fairly deal with all students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. If you cannot attend a regularly scheduled class, it is up to the student to catch up on the missed material. If you cannot take an exam on a particular day, please let the instructor know at the time the exam is being scheduled.

**Make-Up Policy:** There are no make-up homework assignments. If you miss the assignment, you get a zero for it. If you can't make an exam or a pressing reason, you need to contact the instructor *one week prior* to the exam date. If you can't take the exam for some emergency reason, you still need to notify the instructor prior to the exam. Without prior consent, there will be no make-up exams.

**Grading Policy:** A conventional ten-point system will be used for grading. If I feel it necessary, I will curve the exam scores to reflect the difficulty level of the problems assigned. Thus, your final assigned scores on each set of papers is your true grade and should be interpreted on a 100 point scale (i.e. A(90-100), B(80-89), C(70-79), D(60-69), F(below 60)). I will assign "+" and "-" grades at my discretion. The exam or project with your *highest* score will be weighted with an additional 5%. The percent worth of exams and class assignments are:

- Homework/Quizzes – 20%
- Project 1 – 25%
- Mid-Term – 25%
- Project 2 – 25%
- Mystery Points – 5%

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<http://www.colorado.edu/academics/honorcode/>

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<http://www.Colorado.EDU/disabilityservices>

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