

VIBRATIONS

EML4220 Class# 19861 Section# 3313
Class Periods: Period 8 (3:00– 3:50 PM)
Location: CSE 0GE119
Academic Term: Fall 2025

This syllabus may be modified during the semester. If this happens, students will be notified, and the revised syllabus will be posted on the course web site.

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Office Hours:

MWF 4:10-5pm
NEB 261

Course Description

Free and forced vibrations, single and multiple degrees of freedom systems, applications to mechanical systems.

Course Pre-Requisites / Co-Requisites

Prereq: EGM 3344, EGM 3401, EGM 3520 and MAP 2302 with minimum grades of C.

Course Objectives

This course stresses fundamental engineering science and mathematical principles required for understanding of vibrations. There are two major goals:

- a) To learn the concepts needed for understanding and analysis of the dynamic behavior of vibrating systems.
- b) To develop skills for designing vibrating systems with desired properties that enhance vibration when it is wanted and reduce vibration when it is unwanted.

Upon completion of this course, students will be able to

- 1) Generate simplified models for vibrating systems,
- 2) Derive the equations of motion of single- and multiple-degree-of-freedom systems using fundamental physical laws,
- 3) Solve the equations using mathematical methods of ordinary differential equations and linear algebra,
- 4) Analysis of the mathematical solutions to find natural frequencies of the systems and to predict the dynamic responses of the systems to external excitations,
- 5) Design mechanical systems with desired vibratory performance

Required Textbooks and Software

- Title: [Engineering Vibration](#)
- Author: [Daniel J. Inman](#)
- Publication date and edition: [3rd or 4th Edition](#)

Recommended Materials

- [Recommended materials will be posted on the course website.](#)
- [Formulas will be posted on the course website.](#)
- [HW solutions will be posted on the course website.](#)

Materials and Supply Fees

[None](#)

Tentative Course Schedule (this may be modified in time)

	Week	Date	Topic
1	1	Aug. 22	Introduction to the course
2	2	Aug. 25	Chapter 1 (8 lectures + 2 reviews) , Free Vibration step 1 & 2
3		Aug. 27	Free Vibration step 3 & 4
4		Aug. 29	Energy method, compound pendulum
5	3	Sep. 3	Viscous damping
6		Sep. 5	Viscous damping examples
7	4	Sep. 8	Stiffness HW1 due
8		Sep. 10	Application of vibrations to instruments and measurements
9		Sep. 12	Stability
10	5	Sep. 15	Chapter 1 & HW 1 review HW2 due
11		Sep. 17	HW 2 and Practice exam review
12		Sep. 19	Exam 1
13	6	Sep. 22	Exam1 review/ Chapter 2 , Harmonic excitation (5 lectures 2 reviews)
13		Sep. 24	Harmonic excitation, two important phenomena
14		Sep. 26	Harmonic excitation of damped system
15	7	Sep. 29	Base excitation
16		Oct. 1	Career fair no class
17		Oct. 3	Base excitation, rotating balance
	8	Oct. 6	Measurement devices/accelerometer/seismometer HW3 due
18		Oct. 8	Review of chapter 3 and HW3
19		Oct. 9	Practice exam review
20	9	Oct. 13	Exam 2
21		Oct. 15	Exam2 review/ Chapter 3 , General force response, impulse (5 lectures 2 reviews)
22	10	Oct. 20	Impulse and step response
23		Oct. 22	Step and ramp response
24		Oct. 24	Periodic forces and Fourier theory
25	11	Oct. 27	Introduction to Laplace transform, shock spectrum HW4 Due
26		Oct. 29	Review of HW4
27		Oct. 31	Review of Chapter 3, Practice exam review

28	12	Nov. 3	Exam 3
29		Nov. 5	Exam 3 review / Chapter 4 MDOF systems (6 lectures 2 reviews)
30		Nov. 7	2DOF Eigenvalues and natural frequencies
31	13	Nov10	2DOF Modal analysis
32		Nov. 12	More than 2DOF
33		Nov. 14	Rigid body motion and modal analysis/systems with viscous damping
34	14	Nov. 17	Resonance, Modal analysis of forced response HW5 due
35		Nov. 19	Vibration design and Review of HW 5 Practice Exam
36		Nov. 21	Review of Chapter 4 and Practice Exam
37	15	Dec.1	Exam 4
38		Dec. 3	Review of Exam 4

Attendance Policy, Class Expectations, and Make-Up Policy

Class attendance is required and will be monitored. Students will be held responsible for knowledge of all scheduling and policy announcements made in class or on the course website. Make-up exams, assignments, and other work in this course are consistent with university policies. Click here to read the university attendance policies:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/UGRD/academic-regulations/attendance-policies/>

Evaluation of Grades

Assignment	Total Points	Percentage of Final Grade
Homework Sets (5)	100 each	20%
Participation	100	5%
Exam 1	100	20%
Exam 2	100	15%
Exam 3	100	15%
Exam 4	100	25%
		100%

- Late homework will be deducted 20% per day.

Grading Policy

Percent	Grade	Grade Points
93.4 - 100	A	4.00
90.0 - 93.3	A-	3.67
86.7 - 89.9	B+	3.33
83.4 - 86.6	B	3.00
80.0 - 83.3	B-	2.67
76.7 - 79.9	C+	2.33
73.4 - 76.6	C	2.00
70.0 - 73.3	C-	1.67
66.7 - 69.9	D+	1.33
63.4 - 66.6	D	1.00
60.0 - 63.3	D-	0.67
0 - 59.9	E	0.00

More information on UF grading policy may be found at:

<https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>

Students Requiring Accommodations

Students with disabilities who experience learning barriers and would like to request academic accommodations should connect with the disability Resource Center by visiting <https://disability.ufl.edu/students/get-started/>. It is important for students to share their accommodation letter with their instructor and discuss their access needs, as early as possible in the semester.

Course Evaluation

Students are expected to provide professional and respectful feedback on the quality of instruction in this course by completing course evaluations online via GatorEvals. Guidance on how to give feedback in a professional and respectful manner is available at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/students/>. Students will be notified when the evaluation period opens, and can complete evaluations through the email they receive from GatorEvals, in their Canvas course menu under GatorEvals, or via <https://ufl.bluer.com/ufl/>. Summaries of course evaluation results are available to students at <https://gatorevals.aa.ufl.edu/public-results/>.

In-Class Recording

Students are allowed to record video or audio of class lectures. However, the purposes for which these recordings may be used are strictly controlled. The only allowable purposes are (1) for personal educational use, (2) in connection with a complaint to the university, or (3) as evidence in, or in preparation for, a criminal or civil proceeding. All other purposes are prohibited. Specifically, students may not publish recorded lectures without the written consent of the instructor.

A “class lecture” is an educational presentation intended to inform or teach enrolled students about a particular subject, including any instructor-led discussions that form part of the presentation, and delivered by any instructor hired or appointed by the University, or by a guest instructor, as part of a University of Florida course. A class lecture does not include lab sessions, student presentations, clinical presentations such as patient history, academic exercises involving solely student participation, assessments (quizzes, tests, exams), field trips, private conversations between students in the class or between a student and the faculty or lecturer during a class session.

Publication without permission of the instructor is prohibited. To “publish” means to share, transmit, circulate, distribute, or provide access to a recording, regardless of format or medium, to another person (or persons), including but not limited to another student within the same class section. Additionally, a recording, or transcript of a recording, is considered published if it is posted on or uploaded to, in whole or in part, any media platform, including but not limited to social media, book, magazine, newspaper, leaflet, or third party note/tutoring services. A student who publishes a recording without written consent may be subject to a civil cause of action instituted by a person injured by the publication and/or discipline under UF Regulation 4.040 Student Honor Code and Student Conduct Code.

University Honesty Policy

UF students are bound by The Honor Pledge which states, “We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to hold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honor and integrity by abiding by the Honor Code. On all work submitted for credit by students at the University of Florida, the following pledge is either required or implied: “On my honor, I have neither given nor received unauthorized aid in doing this assignment.” The Honor Code (<https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/process/student-conduct-code/>) specifies a number of behaviors that are in violation of this code and the possible sanctions. Furthermore, you are obligated to report any condition that facilitates academic misconduct to appropriate personnel. If you have any questions or concerns, please consult with the instructor or TAs in this class.

Commitment to a Safe and Inclusive Learning Environment

The Herbert Wertheim College of Engineering values varied perspectives and lived experiences within our community and is committed to supporting the University’s core values, including the elimination of discrimination. It is expected that every person in this class will treat one another with dignity and respect regardless of race, creed,

color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, genetic information, and veteran status.

If you feel like your performance in class is being impacted by discrimination or harassment of any kind, please contact your instructor or any of the following:

- Your academic advisor or Graduate Program Coordinator
- HWC OE Human Resources, 352-392-0904, student-support-hr@eng.ufl.edu
- Curtis Taylor, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, 352-392-2177, taylor@eng.ufl.edu
- Toshikazu Nishida, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, 352-392-0943, nishida@eng.ufl.edu

Software Use

All faculty, staff, and students of the University are required and expected to obey the laws and legal agreements governing software use. Failure to do so can lead to monetary damages and/or criminal penalties for the individual violator. Because such violations are also against University policies and rules, disciplinary action will be taken as appropriate. We, the members of the University of Florida community, pledge to uphold ourselves and our peers to the highest standards of honesty and integrity.

Student Privacy

There are federal laws protecting your privacy with regards to grades earned in courses and on individual assignments. For more information, please see: <https://registrar.ufl.edu/ferpa.html>

Campus Resources:

Health and Wellness

U Matter, We Care:

Your well-being is important to the University of Florida. The U Matter, We Care initiative is committed to creating a culture of care on our campus by encouraging members of our community to look out for one another and to reach out for help if a member of our community is in need. If you or a friend is in distress, please contact umatter@ufl.edu so that the U Matter, We Care Team can reach out to the student in distress. A nighttime and weekend crisis counselor is available by phone at 352-392-1575. The U Matter, We Care Team can help connect students to the many other helping resources available including, but not limited to, Victim Advocates, Housing staff, and the Counseling and Wellness Center. Please remember that asking for help is a sign of strength. In case of emergency, call 9-1-1.

Counseling and Wellness Center: <https://counseling.ufl.edu>, and 392-1575; and the University Police Department: 392-1111 or 9-1-1 for emergencies.

Sexual Discrimination, Harassment, Assault, or Violence

If you or a friend has been subjected to sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, or violence contact the **Office of Title IX Compliance**, located at Yon Hall Room 427, 1908 Stadium Road, (352) 273-1094, title-ix@ufl.edu

Sexual Assault Recovery Services (SARS)

Student Health Care Center, 392-1161.

University Police Department at 392-1111 (or 9-1-1 for emergencies), or <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>.

Academic Resources

E-learning technical support, 352-392-4357 (select option 2) or e-mail to Learning-support@ufl.edu.
<https://lss.at.ufl.edu/help.shtml>.

Career Connections Center, Reitz Union, 392-1601. Career assistance and counseling; <https://career.ufl.edu>.

Library Support, <http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/ask>. Various ways to receive assistance with respect to using the libraries or finding resources.

Teaching Center, Broward Hall, 392-2010 or 392-6420. General study skills and tutoring.
<https://teachingcenter.ufl.edu/>.

Writing Studio, 302 Tigert Hall, 846-1138. Help brainstorming, formatting, and writing papers.
<https://writing.ufl.edu/writing-studio/>.

Student Complaints Campus: <https://sccr.dso.ufl.edu/policies/student-honor-code-student-conduct-code/>; <https://care.dso.ufl.edu>.

On-Line Students Complaints: <https://distance.ufl.edu/getting-help/>; <https://distance.ufl.edu/state-authorization-status/#student-complaint>.