

## 1. Student Learning Outcomes

Which of the program's student learning outcomes were assessed in this annual assessment cycle? (Please provide the complete list of the program's learning outcome statements and **bold** the SLOs assessed in this cycle.)

Based on the 2020 plan, students should be able

1. **To practice the principles of engineering in aerospace or allied organizations**
2. To pursue further learning in aerospace engineering or in allied disciplines
3. To function as effective engineers with professional knowledge, skills, and values

## 2. Assessment Methods: Artifacts of Student Learning

Which artifacts of student learning were used to determine if students achieved the outcome(s)? Please describe the artifacts in detail, identify the course(s) in which they were collected, and if they are from program majors/graduates and/or other students. Clarify if any such courses were offered a) online, b) at the Madrid campus, or c) at any other off-campus location.

The assessment of this outcome is tied to the artifacts collected for ABET LO1 – Students should have an ability to identify, formulate, and solve complex engineering problems by applying principles of engineering, science, and mathematics. The specific artifacts were:

- 1) ESCI 2100 Statics: A set of multiple-choice final exam questions based on the Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam. The FE exam is a test required to become an Engineer-In-Training (EIT), a step on the path to becoming certified as a Professional Engineer. It is usually taken in the year before or a few years after completing an undergraduate degree. Aerospace, mechanical, and civil engineering students are required to take the class, but only aerospace engineering major data is used here. Course typically taken in second year.
- 2) AENG 3220 Aerodynamics: Three exam problems, one from the second exam, the other two from the final.
  - a. Determination of lift and drag for a 3D wing from 2D airfoil data (Final Exam)
  - b. Lifting-Line Theory (LLT) analysis given series coefficients (Exam 2)
  - c. Incompressible Thin-Airfoil Theory analysis (Final Exam)

These three problems cover a range of material including 2D and 3D aerodynamics, lift and drag, compressibility effects, and series-based potential flow solutions. Only aerospace majors were in this course.

Course is typically taken in the third year and was hybrid in Spring 2021, with half the class attending in-person one day, the other half the next day.

- 3) AENG 4110 Flight Vehicle Structures: Composite assessment based on all assignments. Only aerospace majors were in this course. Course is typically taken in the fourth year.

Classes were in-person or hybrid. Most students were generally in-person although due to COVID a few students were largely online. ESCI 2100 was offered in Madrid in this time frame, but that was not included in this review.

Additional materials for each class are included as appendices as appropriate/available.

### 3. Assessment Methods: Evaluation Process

What process was used to evaluate the artifacts of student learning, and by whom? Please identify the tools(s) (e.g., a rubric) used in the process and **include them in/with this report document** (please do not just refer to the assessment plan).

In all cases, performance was initially assessed by the instructor based on evaluating the assignments. The results of these assessments were presented to the full departmental faculty in an assessment review meeting and discussed. This discussion concluded with a proposed course of action approved by the faculty.

ESCI 2100 were multiple choice problems, so the answer was either correct or incorrect. A score of 70% or above was considered as meeting expectations (70% is the nominal passing grade for the FE exam). The overall goal was at least 75% of students meeting expectations.

AENG 3220 problems were broken down into a series of subparts that were evaluated, scored, and summed for a final result. Partial credit could be awarded in each subsection for partially correct work. A score of above 70% was considered as meeting expectations. The score for each of the three problems as well as the average of the three scores were considered in this evaluation. The overall goal was at least 70% of students meeting expectations.

AENG 4111 was a composite average for the full course for each student, with a score of 70% or above meeting expectations. The overall goal was at least 70% of students meeting expectations.

### 4. Data/Results

What were the results of the assessment of the learning outcome(s)? Please be specific. Does achievement differ by teaching modality (e.g., online vs. face-to-face) or on-ground location (e.g., STL campus, Madrid campus, other off-campus site)?

ESCI 2100 (Fall 2021): 6 of 7 aerospace students (86%) scored 70% or above on 30 multiple choice problems.

ESCI 2100 (Spring 2022): 33 of 33 aerospace students (100%) scored 70% or above on 20 multiple choice problems.

AENG 3220 (Spring 2021): 22 of 35 students (62.9%) scored 70% or above on 10.6 8r. 3eed a.9 7-6.4169 (e)7.2 (n)vr%1 3 th2.6 (-)59 7-6i).3 (

below were between 65 and 70%. Students scored particularly highly on the LLT problem in Aerodynamic, which is the most advanced problem considered here but also a shorter problem on a midterm exam. Mathematical errors (polynomial integration, algebra, trigonometry, computation) occurred on more than 50% of the Aerodynamics problems graded. The aerodynamics exams were all timed online open book/note exams due to COVID restrictions. The students who performed most poorly on each of the three Aerodynamics problems tended to change from problem to problem, such that the averaged scores saw only 2 students scoring below 70%.

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B. How has the change/have these changes identified in 7A been assessed?

The effect of this change was considered in the review of the final exam problems and other results, particularly in Fall 2021.

C. What were the findings of the assessment?

An improvement in performance for problems requiring FBD's was noted.

D. How do you plan to (continue to) use this information moving forward?

This additional emphasis will continue to be applied.

**IMPORTANT: Please submit any assessment tools (e.g., artifact prompts, rubrics) with this report as separate attachments or copy and paste them into the 61 (d.(O)-1.9) seedubmatt**

Learning Outcome: **1 (Solve Problems using SEM)** 2 (Design in Global Context) 3 (Effective Communication)  
[select 1] 4 (Ethics in Global Context) 5 (Functional Teamwork) 6 (Experiment and Draw Conclusions)  
7 (Lifelong Learning)

Course: ESCI 2100 (Statics)

Location in Program: **Early** Middle End

**Method:** Comprehensive final exam – 30 FE type questions. The results are:  
The class average is 72%.  
AE students average is 74%.  
85% of AE student achieved 70% proficiency. Note FE exam pass score is 70%.

**Rubric:** 1. 70% average for the class  
2. 70% of students achieving it

**Desired result:** 75% of students will meet expectations of 70% or more

**Student performance:** 85% of students met expectations

**Observations:** A large fraction of the missed expectations were due to their inability to handle multiple choice questions under time pressure. The previous deficiency of free-body diagram was addressed.

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**Program Assessment:**

A question bank was provided. The students lacked the pre-req knowledge (geometry).

**Action:** Add a module/review session on geometry

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Course: ESCI 2100 (Statics)

Location in Program: **Early** Middle End

**Method:** Comprehensive final exam – 20 FE type questions and two numerical problems. For evaluating outcome 1, only the FE type questions are considered. The results are:

The class average is 86.2%.

AE students average is 88.6%.

100% of AE student achieve 10.7 7.9 2.6 (e)-3 (oo0 Tch)2.3 (e(n)5J/T.8 (r)3.4i0(0)6 (0)7.9 ( ac)-1.9c)2.96.1 (0.6 (.02

ESCI 2100: STATICS  
SPRING 2022  
FINAL EXAM  
TOTAL 50 POINTS

**Instructions:**

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2. ~~Open~~
3. ~~Multiple~~

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[select 1] 4 (Ethics in Global Context) 5 (Functional Teamwork) 6 (Experiment and Draw Conclusions)  
7 (Lifelong Learning)

Course: AENG 3220 (Aerodynamics)

Location in Program: Early **Middle** End

**Method:** Evaluation of three problems by the instructor:  
1) Determination of lift and drag for a 3D wing from 2D airfoil data (Final Exam)  
2) Lifting-Line Theory (LLT) analysis given series coefficients (Exam 2)  
3) Incompressible Thin-Airfoil Theory analysis (Final Exam)  
These three problems cover a range of material including 2D and 3D aerodynamics, lift and drag, compressibility effects, and series-based potential flow solutions.

**Rubric:** These three problems cover a range of material including 2D and 3D aerodynamics, lift and drag, compressibility effects, and series-based potential flow solutions. Scoring is based on standard grading, but the sources of error within each problem are also considered in the (y)-410.6 (s)-1[.8 (d)2.3 (o) (t)-2.9 (e) ( )



Example questions used for assessment. Please note that there were multiple variations of each problem due to the remote test-taking due to COVID.

TAT problem:

Choice Problem 1

The mean camber line of a thin airfoil is given by the line shown below. The airfoil has a chord of 4 ft., the freestream velocity is 150 ft/s, the geometric angle of attack is  $3^\circ$ , and the air density is  $0.00200 \text{ slug/ft}^3$ . Using thin airfoil theory, determine:

The coefficient of lift for the airfoil. [a]

The 2D lift of the airfoil in lbf/ft. [b]

The absolute angle of attack for the airfoil in degrees [c]

The moment coefficient about the aerodynamic center [d]

