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Propulsion Systems

Review date: 29-03-2023 Academic Year: (2023 / 2024)

Department assigned to the subject: null Coordinating teacher: IANIRO, ANDREA Type: Electives ECTS Credits: 6.0

Year: 4 Semester:

REQUIREMENTS (SUBJECTS THAT ARE ASSUMED TO BE KNOWN)

Fluid Mechanics Thermal Engineering Aerodynamics Aerospace Propulsion

OBJECTIVES

The goal of this course is that the student acquires a basic knowledge of aircraft propellers, reciprocating engines, turbo-prop engines and rotordynamics.

DESCRIPTION OF CONTENTS: PROGRAMME

Introduction to propulsion systems

-Some selected aircraft engines

The Propeller

- -Geometry and characteristics of propellers
- -Momentum and bleade element theory
- -Propeller propulsive efficiency
- -Propeller noise
- -Propeller testing
- -Design of optimum propellers

Reciprocating Engines

- -Spark-Ignition engines
- -Compression-Ignition engines
- -Rotary engines
- -Turbosupercharging
- -Combustion in Reciprocating Engines
- -Engine balance
- -Design of Reciprocating Engines

Turboprop and Turboshaft Engines

- -Cycle analysis of conventional-free-turbine turboprop engine
- -Installation issues
- -The impact on regional aviation
- -The Unducted Fan

Rotordynamics

- -Forced Vibration
- -Self-Excited Vibration
- -Analytical prediction of rotordynamic response
- -Rotor balancing
- Disk Design

LEARNING ACTIVITIES AND METHODOLOGY

Theory sessions.

Problem sessions working individually and in groups.

Computer sessions.

Lab-sessions.

ASSESSMENT SYSTEM

In order to pass the subject, two requirements need to be met:

- 1) To have a MINIMUM mark of 4.0/10 in the end-of-term exam;
- 2) To have a MINIMUM overall mark of 5.0/10 (weighing 25% the end-of-term exam mark and 75% the mark of the continuous evaluation).

% end-of-term-examination: 25 % of continuous assessment (assignments, laboratory, practicals...): 75

BASIC BIBLIOGRAPHY

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- R. Von Mises Theory of flight, Courier Dover Publications, 2012