

# ASEN 1009 – Aerospace Seminar

## Course Syllabus, Spring 2026

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### COURSE SCHEDULE, LOCATION, AND LINKS

- **Schedule:** 10:40 AM – 11:30 AM, Fridays
- **Location:** AERO 114 – students enrolled in the class should attend the class in-person
- **Website:** (*link provided in course*)

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The purpose of this course is to introduce students to world-class aerospace researchers and topics from a wide range of aerospace engineering sub-disciplines. Students will be introduced to world-class aerospace researchers and topics by attending research seminars presented by faculty in the Smead Aerospace Engineering Sciences (AES) Department and experts from other universities and institutions.

### COURSE GOALS AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES

The goal of this course is to introduce students to world-class aerospace researchers and topics from a wide range of aerospace engineering sub-disciplines by attending research seminars. By doing so, students will:

- Gain an understanding of aerospace engineering subdisciplines to inform future career choices.
- Gain familiarity with a diverse array of research and professional topics within the field.
- Engage in a scholarly culture and foster desire for life-long learning.

### GRADING AND ASSESSMENT

A student's grade will be either satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (U). This grade will be based on attendance only. Students will sign an attendance sheet before the start of each seminar and will be expected to attend the seminar for the entire class period. If a student does not sign the attendance sheet before the start of the seminar, then a missed seminar will be recorded for the student. Having someone sign on the student's behalf will be considered a violation of the Honor Code. In addition, signing the attendance sheet and leaving immediately or early will be considered a violation of the Honor Code. In other words, signing the attendance sheet is a commitment to be present and watch the entire seminar. The criteria for determining the grades is given below:

<b>Spring 2026 Aerospace Seminar Student Attendance Record</b>	<b>Resulting Grade</b>
Attendance at 9 – 12 ASEN 1009 seminars (1/9/26 excluded):	Satisfactory (S)
Attendance at fewer than 9 ASEN 1009 seminars (1/9/26 excluded):	Unsatisfactory (U)

**Missed Seminars:** Note that students may miss up to 3 scheduled seminars for any reason. The flexibility to miss up to 3 seminars no questions asked is intended to allow as much flexibility as possible for a strictly S/U course. If a student needs to miss a seminar because of family/medical emergency or because of university-sanctioned events, it will be counted as a missed seminar. There are no mechanisms to make-up missed seminars.

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### **CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR**

Students and faculty are responsible for maintaining an appropriate learning environment in all instructional settings, whether in person, remote, or online. Failure to adhere to such behavioral standards may be subject to discipline. Professional courtesy and sensitivity are especially important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with race, color, national origin, sex, pregnancy, age, disability, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, veteran status, marital status, political affiliation, or political philosophy. For more information, see the [classroom behavior policy](#), the [Student Code of Conduct](#), and the [Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance](#).

### **ACCOMMODATION FOR DISABILITIES, TEMPORARY MEDICAL CONDITIONS, AND MEDICAL ISOLATION**

If you qualify for accommodations because of a disability, please submit your accommodation letter from Disability Services to your faculty member in a timely manner so that your needs can be addressed. Disability Services determines accommodations based on documented disabilities in the academic environment. Information on requesting accommodations is located on the [Disability Services website](#). Contact Disability Services at 303-492-8671 or [DSinfo@colorado.edu](mailto:DSinfo@colorado.edu) for further assistance. If you have a temporary medical condition, see [Temporary Medical Conditions](#) on the Disability Services website. If you have a temporary medical condition or required medical isolation for which you require accommodation, please email the instructor.

### **PREFERRED STUDENT NAMES AND PRONOUNS**

CU Boulder recognizes that students' legal information does not always align with how they identify. If you wish to have your preferred name (rather than your legal name) and/or your preferred pronouns appear on your instructors' class rosters and in Canvas, visit the [Registrar's website](#) for instructions on how to change your personal information in university systems.

### **CU COMMUNITY OF CARE**

CU Boulder is committed to a community of care in which students are supported by faculty and staff throughout their college journey. You don't have to face academic challenges alone – CU and the college are here to help you learn and succeed in your coursework and campus life. Part of this community of care is your connection to faculty and staff across campus. Our college promotes and hopes you will connect with faculty or staff who may reach out during your educational journey at CU.

### **HONOR CODE**

All students enrolled in a University of Colorado Boulder course are responsible for knowing and adhering to the [Honor Code](#). Violations of the Honor Code may include but are not limited to: plagiarism (including use of paper writing services or technology [such as essay bots]), cheating, fabrication, lying, bribery, threat, unauthorized access to academic materials, clicker fraud, submitting the same or similar work in more than one course without permission from all course instructors involved, and aiding academic dishonesty. Understanding the course's syllabus is a vital part in adhering to the Honor Code. All incidents of academic misconduct will be reported to Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution: [StudentConduct@colorado.edu](mailto:StudentConduct@colorado.edu). Students found responsible for violating the [Honor Code](#) will be assigned resolution outcomes from the Student Conduct & Conflict Resolution as well as be subject to academic sanctions from the faculty member. Visit [Honor Code](#) for more information on the academic integrity policy.

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### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT, DISCRIMINATION, HARASSMENT, AND/OR RELATED RETALIATION**

CU Boulder is committed to fostering an inclusive and welcoming learning, working, and living environment. University policy prohibits [protected-class](#) discrimination and harassment, sexual misconduct (harassment, exploitation, and assault), intimate partner abuse (dating or domestic violence), stalking, and related retaliation by or against members of our community on- and off-campus. The Office of Institutional Equity and Compliance (OIEC) addresses these concerns, and individuals who have been subjected to misconduct can contact OIEC at 303-492-2127 or email [CUreport@colorado.edu](mailto:CUreport@colorado.edu). Information about university policies, [reporting options](#), and [support resources](#) including confidential services can be found on the [OIEC website](#). Please know that faculty and graduate instructors must inform OIEC when they are made aware of incidents related to these policies regardless of when or where something occurred. This is to ensure that individuals impacted receive outreach from OIEC about resolution options and support resources. To learn more about reporting and support for a variety of concerns, visit the [Don't Ignore It page](#).

### **ACCOMMODATION FOR RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS**

Campus policy requires faculty to provide reasonable accommodations for students who, because of religious obligations, have conflicts with scheduled exams, assignments or required attendance. Please communicate the need for a religious accommodation in a timely manner (a minimum of two week's advance notice). In this class, please email the instructor if a conflict arises due to religious observance. See the [campus policy regarding religious observances](#) for full details.

### **MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS**

The University of Colorado Boulder is committed to the well-being of all students. If you are struggling with personal stressors, mental health or substance use concerns that are impacting academic or daily life, please contact [Counseling and Psychiatric Services \(CAPS\)](#) located in C4C or call (303) 492-2277, 24/7.

Free and unlimited telehealth is also available through Academic Live Care. The Academic Live Care site also provides information about additional wellness services on campus that are available to students.