



Subject card

Subject name and code	Space Missions, PG_00050015						
Field of study	Space and Satellite Technologies						
Date of commencement of studies	February 2026		Academic year of realisation of subject		2025/2026		
Education level	second-cycle studies		Subject group		Obligatory subject group in the field of study		
Mode of study	Full-time studies		Mode of delivery		at the university		
Year of study	1		Language of instruction		Polish		
Semester of study	1		ECTS credits		2.0		
Learning profile	general academic profile		Assessment form		assessment		
Conducting unit	Department of Geoinformatics -> Faculty of Electronics Telecommunications and Informatics -> Wydział Politechniki Gdańskiej						
Name and surname of lecturer (lecturers)	Subject supervisor		prof. dr hab. inż. Mariusz Figurski				
	Teachers		prof. dr hab. inż. Mariusz Figurski				
Lesson types and methods of instruction	Lesson type	Lecture	Tutorial	Laboratory	Project	Seminar	SUM
	Number of study hours	15.0	15.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30
	E-learning hours included: 0.0						
Learning activity and number of study hours	Learning activity	Participation in didactic classes included in study plan		Participation in consultation hours		Self-study	SUM
	Number of study hours	30		5.0		15.0	50
Subject objectives	The aim of the course is presenting the process of a space mission planning and implementing, including the role of space agencies (ESA, POLSA).						
Learning outcomes	Course outcome		Subject outcome		Method of verification		
	[K7_K04] Can show resourcefulness and ingenuity in dealing with professional tasks.		Student shows ingenuity in dealing with tasks related to space mission planning and implementing.		[SK5] Assessment of ability to solve problems that arise in practice		
	[K7_W03] He has theoretically based knowledge of astronomy and the planning and design of space missions.		Student has theoretically grounded knowledge on planning and design of space missions.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K7_W07] Has knowledge of technical standards and norms in the space sector. Knows the objectives, main programs and principles of functioning of the European (ESA) and national (POLSA) institutions regulating, supervising and stimulating activity in the space industry. Knows space and satellite applications in security systems.		Student knows the roles of European Space Agency and Polish Space Agency in planning and implementing space missions.		[SW1] Assessment of factual knowledge		
	[K7_U06] Is able to estimate the costs of designing and implementing the engineering activities undertaken. Is able to propose improvements to existing engineering solutions in from the field of space and satellite technology.		Student is able to evaluate the cost of space mission. He is also able to propose the improvements of existing solutions in the field of space missions planning and implementing.		[SU1] Assessment of task fulfilment		

Subject contents	<p>Contents of the course</p> <p>LECTURES</p> <p>1) Review of main types of space missions (research in astrophysics and planetology, meteorological, Earth observation, navigation, telecommunication, military, manned). Mission examples.</p> <p>2) Basic elements of space missions. Organisations carrying out space missions.</p> <p>3) Process of mission analysis and mission elements design.</p> <p>4) Mission orbit defining with respect to observation, communication with Earth, power supply etc.</p> <p>5) Analysis of optical instruments, passive and active.</p> <p>6) Analysis of microwave and other instruments.</p> <p>7) Space environment.</p> <p>8) Structure and thermal system of satellite platform.</p> <p>9) System of mission power supply.</p> <p>10) Telecommunication systems.</p> <p>11) On-board computer.</p> <p>12) Platform orientation and stabilisation system.</p> <p>13) Launching and orbit correction systems.</p> <p>14) Ground segment, flight control system, data processing.</p> <p>15) Mission cost estimation.</p> <p>16) Mission risk analysis.</p> <p>17) Testing, integration and verification of space missions.</p> <p>18) Organisational and legal issues related to space missions.</p> <p>19) International co-operation in space.</p> <p>20) Outer space exploration and exploitation programs.</p> <p>EXERCISES:</p> <p>During exercise classes, students work on solving problems defined earlier on the lecture. Some tasks are implemented by students working individually and some of them by students working in groups.</p> <p>Sample exercises:</p>
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	1) Optical system system parametrs calculation with respect to user requirements. 2) Evaluation of environment effects for a given mission trajectory. 3) Cost estimation for a given mission.		
Prerequisites and co-requisites	Basics of mathematical analysis and algebra, basic engineering knowledge in mechanics, electronics and computer science, ability to work in MS Windows environment, basics of probability theory		
Assessment methods and criteria	Subject passing criteria	Passing threshold	Percentage of the final grade
		51.0%	50.0%
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Recommended reading	Basic literature	Space Mission Analysis and Design, 3rd edition (Space Technology Library, Vol. 8) 3rd Edition, by Wiley J. Larson (Editor), James R. Wertz (Editor), ISBN-13: 978-1881883104	
	Supplementary literature	Spacecraft Systems Engineering 4th Edition, by Peter Fortescue (Editor), Graham Swinerd (Editor), John Stark . (Editor), Wiley, ISBN-13: 978-0470750124	
	eResources addresses		
Example issues/ example questions/ tasks being completed			
Work placement	Not applicable		

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