4/4 B.Tech - EIGHTH SEMESTER

EC 8T3B

Aircraft Navigation Systems

Credits: 4

Lecture : 4 periods/week	Internal assessment: 30 marks
Tutorial: 1 period /week	Semester end examination: 70 marks

Course Objectives:

- Learning about radio spectrum, testing of Emergency locator transmitters
- Learning about navigation systems and developments
- Learning about filters like kalman filter and principles of navigation systems
- Learning about principles of air traffic control systems

Learning Outcomes:

- Analysed principle of Radio spectrum and tested different transmitter structures
- Various types of navigation systems studied and learned development of different filters in air crafts

UNIT-I

Introduction: The radio frequency spectrum, Electromagnetic waves, Frequency and , wavelength, The atmosphere, Radio wave propagation, The ionosphere, MUF and LUF.

UNIT-II

Flight-deck audio systems: Flight interphone system, Cockpit voice recorder, Emergency locator transmitters: Types of ELT, Maintenance and testing of ELT, ELT mounting requirements, Typical ELT, Cospas–Sarsat satellites.

UNIT-III

Aircraft navigation: The earth and navigation, Dead reckoning, Position fixing, Maps and charts, Navigation terminology, Navigation systems, development.

UNIT-IV

Automatic direction finder: Introducing ADF, ADF principles, ADF equipment, and Operational aspects of ADF.

Doppler navigation: The Doppler effect, Doppler navigation principles, Airborne equipment overview, Typical Doppler installations, Other Doppler applications

UNIT-V

Area navigation: RNAV overview, RNAV equipment, Kalman filters, Required navigation performance.

UNIT-VI

Inertial navigation systems: Inertial navigation principles, System overview, System description, Alignment process, Inertial navigation accuracy.

UNIT-VII

Global navigation satellite system: GPS overview, Principles of wave propagation, Satellite navigation principles, GPS segments, GPS signals, GPS operation, Other GNSS, The future of GNSS.

UNIT-VIII

Air traffic control system: ATC overview, ATC transponder modes, airborne equipment, System operation, and Automatic dependent surveillance-broadcast, Communications, navigation and surveillance/air traffic management.

Learning Resources

Text Books:

- 1. Aircraft Communications and Navigation Systems- Jeremy M. Pratt, Taylor & Francis, 2007
- 2. The future air navigation system- Vincent P.Galotti. 1997

References:

- 1. Aircraft Power Plants, Mekinley, J.L. and Bent, R.D., McGraw-Hill, 1993.
- 2. Aircraft Instruments & Principles, Pallet, E.H.J., Pitman & Co., 1993.