DESIGN OF UAV SYSTEMS

PROFESSIONAL ELECTIVE - II

Course Code	Category	Hours / Week			Credits	Maximum Marks		
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		3	0	0	3	30	70	100

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1. To understand the evolution and the basic classification of unmanned aerial vehicles.
- 2. To develop aerodynamic configuration for a UAV.
- 3. To select navigation and control modes for a UAV.
- 4. To understand the method of testing and certification involved in development of UAV.

UNIT-I INTRODUCTION TO UAV DESIGN

Introduction to Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS), Introduction to Design and Selection of the System, Characteristics of Aircraft Types, Design Standards and Regulatory Aspects

UNIT-II AERODYNAMICS AND AIRFRAME CONFIGURATION

Aerodynamics and Airframe configurations- Lift-induced Drag, Parasitic Drag, Rotary-wing Aerodynamics, Response to Air Turbulence, Airframe Configurations

UNIT-III | AIRFRAME DESIGN

Aspects of Airframe Design- Scale Effects, Packaging Density, Aerodynamics, Structures and Mechanisms, Selection of power-plants, Modular Construction, Ancillary Equipment

Design for Stealth- Acoustic Signature, Visual Signature, Thermal Signature, Radio/Radar Signature, Examples in Practice

UNIT-IV COMMUNICATION, NAVIGATION AND CONTROL STATIONS

Communication Media, Radio Communication, Mid-air Collision (MAC) Avoidance, Communications Data Rate and Bandwidth Usage, Antenna Types,

NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS), TACAN, LORAN, INS, Radio Tracking, Way-point Navigation

Control Station Composition, Open System Architecture, Mini-UAV 'Laptop' Ground Control Station, Close-range UAV Systems GCS, Medium- and Long-range UAV System GCS, Sea Control Stations (SCS), Air Control Stations (ACS).

UNIT-V TESTING AND CERTIFICATION

Introduction to System Development and Certification, System Development, Certification, Establishing Reliability, System Ground Testing, System In-flight Testing

Text Books:

- 1. Reg Austin, "Unmanned Air Systems: UAV Design, Development and Deployment", First Edition, Wiley Publishers. 2015.
- 2. Paul Fahlstrom, Thomas Gleason Introduction to UAV Systems-Wiley (2012).

Reference Books:

- 1. Mirosaw Adamski, "Power units and power supply systems in UAV", New Edition, Taylor and Francis Group publishers, 2014.
- 2. Skafidas, "Microcontroller Systems for a UAV", KTH, TRITA-FYS 2002:51 ISSN 0280-316X. 34, 2002.

COURSE OUTCOMES

- Outline the Design process.
 Configure airframe for a UAV based on requirements.
 Propose Propulsive systems and required structural requirements for a UAV.
 Explain the Navigation and Communication systems in UAVs.
- 5. Explain the testing and certification process for UAVs.