

Guidelines for the oral examination of the course “Space Mission Design and Operations” EE-585

The Exam Schedule has been published on Moodle. Please double check it as we made minor changes.

On the day of the exam, we expect you at the “Entry time” of the Exam Schedule. Do not be late!

You will randomly select a problem by drawing a card. You will have 40 minutes preparation time, then we will ask you to present the solution orally, first a general outline of the solution, then numerical results if applicable, in 10 minutes. Avoid long developments and summarise the thought process to find the solution. We will then ask a few questions on the solved problem, and other subjects covered in the course. Approx. 20 minutes oral examination total time. For the extra questions, the focus will be on the concepts seen in the course.

You may use the course + personal notes during the preparation time, but not the exercises solutions for this last semester and previous semesters, nor previous examinations. Electronics notes are allowed but disable the internet connection (the notes should be locally available on your device). Phones, connected watches or devices that do not have notes are not allowed.

Bring paper and a calculator with you and use it for numerical results. You must take notes on the question on paper. At the end of the exam, we will keep the exam question and your solution.

One Teaching Assistant will be present (Elisabeth or Jonathan), one Observer from EPFL, and myself.

Good luck!

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