Learning Goals

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**Number of Responses:** 24

**Response Rate:** 92%

**Course Mean:** 4.3

**Course Median:** 4

**STDEV:** 0.6

**Note:** 5: Extremely well; 4: Very well; 3: Moderately well; 2: Slightly well; 1: Not well at all;

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**Attendance and Engagement**
Q: What skills or knowledge did you learn or improve?

1. Aerodynamics, theories of hypersonic flows, shocks
2. The differences between supersonic and hypersonic flows, exact and approximate solutions to hypersonic flows, compressible boundary layer theory, and aerodynamic heating were all covered in detail. We also discussed nonequilibrium thermodynamics and entry mechanics for orbital vehicles in the last week and a half of the class.
4. Supersonic flow and hypersonic flow
5. General understanding of how hypersonic flows behavior, and some general assumptions that go into making the simplified models.
6. Improved compressible flow abilities and overall aerothermodynamic understandings. Also learned fundamental theories relevant for hypersonics and what research avenues are possible in the field.
7. I learned what considerations must be taken into account when analyzing a hypersonic flow vs a supersonic flow.
8. I came into this class not knowing anything about compressible flows. I was not only brought up to speed, but I learned a great deal about hypersonic flows from multiple perspectives. This included inviscid phenomena, viscous effects, the importance of thermodynamic nonequilibrium and physical gas dynamics in hypersonic flows, as well as an introduction to the analysis of re-entry aeromechanics accounting for hypersonic effects.
9. Effects at the hypersonic limits, design for hypersonic flight, chemical effects at high temperatures
10. Knowledge of hypersonics in general
11. Developed a better foundation in hypersonics
12. Hypersonics fundamentals and applications
13. How flows behave at hypersonic flight speeds; current state of the theory regarding hypersonic flows; history of the development and application of hypersonic technology and leaders in the field
14. Thermochemical effects, the importance of normal Ma, heat transfer/viscous effects, Ma independence, the combined limit and Newton's theory
15. Analytical modeling of high speed flows
16. Introductory knowledge on compressible flows and aspects of hypersonic flows
17. Learned many engineering problems that we are facing in this area and also how to understand them
18. I learned more about the theory behind hypersonics and I especially realized just how complex and deep the field is, and how little I can actually learn from just one quarter.

Instruction and Organization

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(18 comments)

Q: What would you like to say about this course to a student who is considering taking it in the future?

1. Professor Urzay is a good lecturer. The tests are brutal. If you take this class, think of it as a fun learning experience rather than trying to get perfect scores, he asked questions that pull heavily from material from outside this class.

2. I highly recommend this class. Professor Urzay is very passionate about the subject and it shows. It is recommended to have some familiarity with compressible flows, but I think you could pick up everything you need along the way if you haven't formally taken the class.

3. Professor Urzay is good and cares deeply about students. He likes open-ended problems and critical thinking. Would recommend this course to anyone who has had compressible flow.

4. take it!

5. Great course for fundamental understanding of hypersonics. Great introduction if wanting to dig in deeper after this class since it builds a fundamental overview of various ideas about hypersonic flows.

6. This class is a good introduction to the topic for someone who has previous compressible flow experience. You will not dive heavily into the nitty gritty but will rather cover all general considerations for hypersonics.

7. The curriculum is very well-structured and comes full-circle at the end, when using hypersonics theory to analyze entry of a spacecraft into Earth's atmosphere. I felt like I learned a lot about what considerations must be taken into account in a hypersonic flow that wouldn't need to be taken into account for a slower flow. However, the course did not go too deep into the mathematical analysis of more complicated flows such as non-calorically perfect flows (which made it an easier course), but I feel confident in my ability to go out and learn what I need when doing research on a related project. Class notes were hand-written by the instructor, which made the filesize very large and hard to read, but there is apparently a digital copy in the works for future years.

8. It is an excellent introduction to hypersonic flows and is presented in a very engaging and encompassing manner. The class is not too focused on the boring aspects of using tables but is instead presented with the aim of building fundamental understanding as well as intuition for hypersonic flows.

9. A difficult class but interesting to take. It would be very hard to learn this topic outside of academia, and Javier was extremely knowledgeable in the field. Provided a good foundation on what you should be aware of for hypersonic flight.

10. Good survey course in hypersonics.

11. Highly recommended. Instructor puts in effort to engage and motivate students.

12. This class is not overwhelming but you still learn a lot, which are two traits hard to come by together in many engineering courses here. The professor is more interested in students learning the subject than giving you a grade, which is fantastic.

13. Very fun and fascinating class

14. This is a great class! Discusses a broad range of topics, but manages to go deeper than surface level. Best if you have seen the normal shock relations before possibly in an undergrad class otherwise you will have to work a little harder in the first couple weeks to catch up.

15. Excellent class. Highly recommended for anyone in the fluids track

16. Javier is a very good (knowledgeable and animated) instructor, it was one of the few classes that I found myself unexpectedly looking forward to breaking myself from away my office desk in positive anticipation of going to hypersonics lecture. I didn't have much theoretical background of compressible flows and I still found myself not struggling to keep up.

17. If you are interested in hypersonics, you should take this class!

18. I recommend it to students who wish to enter a lifelong study of hypersonics, or those who want an intro to see how deep and interesting it really is (like me).

(14 comments)
Q: Would you like to provide any other comments about this course?

1. Nope.
2. Well done.
3. Please provide a printed copy of the course notes next time. The hand-written notes are very hard to read and some of the words got cut off during the scan. Also, there were errors in the reference numbers of some figures.
4. The course was great for the first few weeks then really slowed down. I would have liked to see more hard, deeply technical principles and assignments instead of the ‘fluff’ that seemed to constitute the middle third of the course. Also if we could spend more time on orbits and applications of hypersonic aircraft and reentry (like if you were working on a hypersonic aircraft, these are the key things you’ll be thinking about daily) as opposed to the underlying motivating physics from the 1950s that we learned about for ~80% of the course. 
   ALSO HE WAS A PHENOMENAL LECTURER AND PERSON!
5. I think the class was very well presented, but the homework was usually assigned within a short time frame. Otherwise, it is an excellent class. Thank you, Javier!
6. Really would have appreciated a TA for this class. Having one session of office hours a week made it difficult to ask questions and frankly, a bit intimidating. Also would have appreciated a few more problem sets. Class notes were great, but it was hard to determine the important bits or apply it to real life without a problem to work through.
7. The material was good, but often wasn't framed well. There was a lack of emphasis on why we are learning what we are learning and how it fits into the bigger picture.
   A lot of class time is wasted on very rapid derivations that were almost impossible to follow on-the-fly. This material is important, and honestly not particularly difficult, but rapid and under-explained white-board derivations are a poor way to convey the material.
   Because of this, almost everything I learned was from reading the notes outside of lecture.
8. Great course!
9. I know this class is relatively new and is still in the experimental phase. The professor's clear dedication to creating a comprehensive set of notes on a largely unexplored subject and his enthusiasm for teaching the class made hypersonics one of the most enjoyable courses I have taken at Stanford.
10. Exams were not sufficiently representative of the type of material covered in lectures or homework, and felt more like trick questions than a review/test.
11. I really enjoyed the lectures! Javier has great energy and was really engaging.
12. It would be good if chapter 3 was cut a little short, and more time spent on 4/5.
13. Highly recommend; in fact, highly recommend taking any course by Javier (please consider offering compressible turbulence)
14. Overall good and engaging, but timing of things could be more clearly laid out, and office hours/scheduling could be clearer.

Instructor Added Questions

Close-Ended Questions
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2. Fundamental understanding of hypersonic theory and viscous/thermochemical phenomena that can occur in various regions
3. I know a lot more about hypersonic flows, and the philosophy behind the design of hypersonic vehicles
4. Compressible flow in hypersonic limit, aerodynamic calculations of hypersonic bodies
5. I received a relatively brief overview of the essential questions in hypersonic flight, and I began to develop an intuition for this regime.
6. Hypersonic aero thermodynamics
7. A better understanding of the physical concepts involved in hypersonic flows
8. My knowledge and appreciation of the many complexities that must be taken into account in the hypersonic flow regime was greatly enhanced.
9. Hypersonic theory
10. Inviscid and viscous hypersonic flows, thermo-chemical effects and re-entry aeromechanics

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Q: What would you like to say about this course to a student who is considering taking it in the future?

1. Its an awesome course.
2. Great course for understanding the difficulties of hypersonic flight and different phenomena that occur beyond the thermal barrier.
3. Its a very interesting course. Not very tough, but rewarding.
4. Wide coverage of many interesting topics in compressed lectures. This kind of material is not covered in any other course.
5. Brush up on your calculus and ODE because they will be essential to follow the lectures. The tests tend to be more math heavy than the home works.
6. This course is the best course I have taken thus far, so I would highly recommend taking it.
7. Prepare for the course by taking classes on compressible flows and PGD, and a lot will be learnt from the material.
8. If you are interested in aero and astrodynamics, and the implications of gas dynamics on them, this course is a must.
9. A very thorough and well taught course essential for future work in hypersonics.
10. Feels like a sequel to compressible flow class.
11. An amazing introduction to hypersonics that is extremely well taught.
It is a very interesting and useful class.

(12 comments)

Q: Would you like to provide any other comments about this course?

1. I would like to see a part 2. Also, more homeworks/ more hypersonic question on exams....a lot of questions felt like they were asking math questions.

2. No

3. Full understanding would be achieved with standard HW load.

4. This as a fantastic course, and I deeply enjoyed it!

5. I only wish there would be a part 2 of this course offered in the near future.

6. maybe spend less time on review of compressible flow (leave it as reading) and tackle right from the beginning the specifics of hypersonics.
   would love to have a more advanced version of that course in terms of thermochemical effects.

7. A little too front-heavy

8. This was my favorite course I've taken at Stanford. I cannot commend enough Professor Urzay. The passion he brings to the subject and the thoroughness with which he explores topics are truly remarkable.

9. Would be nice to have a second hypersonics course that goes into more detail about the thermochemical effects

10. Thanks for the great course Javier! I really enjoyed it.

11. Newtonian theory working out well for hypersonics was very interesting.

12. This was the first time the course was taught, so organization/pacing could be better.

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