

METR 4133, Atmospheric Dynamics III

Fall 2008

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Class Web Site	http://kkd.ou.edu/METR_4133_Fall_2008/METR4133.htm
Classroom/Time	Room 5600, National Weather Center, Tues and Thurs, 11:30 am – 12:45 pm
Required Texts	Bluestein, H., 1992: <i>Synoptic-Dynamic Meteorology in Mid-Latitudes, Volume I: Principles of Kinematics and Dynamics</i> . Oxford Univ. Press, 431pp. Bluestein, H., 1993: <i>Synoptic-Dynamic Meteorology in Mid-Latitudes, Volume II: Observations and Theory of Weather Systems</i> . Oxford Univ. Press, 594pp. Errata sheets are available at http://weather.ou.edu/~hblue/corrections .
Optional Text	Holton, J.R., 1992: <i>An Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology</i> , 4th Edition, Academic Press, 535pp.
Prerequisites	METR 3123 (Atmospheric Dynamics II) and METR 3223 (Physical Meteorology II) and <u>or equivalents</u> . IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A GRADE OF “C” OR BETTER IN THE PREREQUISITE COURSES, YOU CANNOT ENROLL IN THIS ONE.
Content	Review of elementary dynamics and thermodynamics Kinematics of the horizontal wind and scalar fields Quasi-geostrophic theory, applications to forecasting Extra-tropical disturbances and baroclinic instability Fronts, jets, and the dryline Linear perturbation theory and atmospheric waves (Holton text)
Grading	Homework problems 25% Two one-hour in-class exams (Oct 2 and Nov 13) 40% Comprehensive Final Exam (10:30 am-12:30 pm on Monday, Dec 15) 35%

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