

## METR 4624—Radar Meteorology SPRING 2009

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Principles of weather radar and storm observations including: propagation effects, detection of precipitation particles, beam distortions, ground clutter, attenuation, rainfall measurements, single- and dual-Doppler interpretation, polarimetric theory and interpretation and kinematics of convective storms (multi-cell, supercell, mesoscale convective systems).

Lecture class will meet MWF 11:00-11:50 pm in room NWC 5600. Lab classes will be held in NWC 5720 on Fridays from 4:00-6:00 pm. I will also use the Friday lab periods to provide additional lectures. If available, I will reserve use of a SMART-radar during April. Labs involving the SMART-radar will be optional since we'll have to break into small groups.

There is no TA for the course. Mr. Gordon Carrie or Ryan May may occasionally provide lectures during my absence.

Required text: *Radar for Meteorologists* by R. E. Rinehart (1991) fourth edition. Copies can be purchased at the Bookstore. [Note: This book covers fundamentals at an introductory level. We will go well beyond the material in this text].

Other books that I will use for reference include:  
*Radar Observations of the Atmosphere* by L. J. Battan (1973)  
*Doppler Radar and Weather Observations* by R. J. Doviak and D. S. Zrnic (1984)  
*Radar and Atmospheric Science: A collection of essays in honor of Dave Atlas*.  
Edited by R. Wakimoto and R. Srivastava (2003)  
*Mesoscale Meteorology and Forecasting* edited by P.S. Ray (1986), and  
*Doppler Radar Meteorological Observations*; Federal Meteorological Handbook No. 11 (Part B) (1990).

Grades will be determined by the following formula:

3 mid-terms	30% each	=	90%
Class participation		=	10%
			100%

Approximately 90 % or better	= A	
Approximately 80 to 89 %	= B	<b>FIRST EXAM – 20 February.</b>
Approximately 70 to 79 %	= C	<b>SECOND EXAM – 1 April.</b>
Approximately 60 to 69 %	= D	<b>THIRD EXAM – 1 May.</b>
Below 60 %	= F	

## Legal Requirements:

No class Monday, 26 January. No class and no lab on Friday, 13 March. I have just recently received a jury summons from the US Western District Court. According to the Court, the average length of duty is 4-5 weeks starting 6 February. Every possible attempt will be made to minimize the impact of jury duty on this class. If I do have to serve, we may need to schedule classes over the weekend or during the evenings to compensate.

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1) The University of Oklahoma is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for all students with disabilities. Students with disabilities who require accommodations in this course are requested to speak with the professor as early in the semester as possible. Students with disabilities must be registered with the Office of Disability Services prior to receiving accommodations in this course. The Office of Disability Services is located in Goddard Health Center, Suite 166, phone 405/325-3852 or TDD only 405/325-4173.

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