This course is a qualitative and quantitative introduction to the morphology of the winds and what forces make the wind on all scales. The focus will be on mid-latitude synoptic storms (extratropical cyclone model), severe weather (severe weather scenarios), and forecasting. In addition, as time permits, we will study air pollution, tropical meteorology, climate, and climate change on regional and global scales. The difficulty level of the material is designed for prepared, advanced sophomore students majoring in meteorology that are in the Honors Program at OU.

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Grading
Homework: 10%
Research paper: 15%
Test 1: 25%
Test 2: 25%
Comprehensive final: 25% (8-10AM May 9, 2013 RM5820)

Scores Grades
90-100 A
80-89 B
70-79 C
60-69 D
<59 F

Books:
Mandatory: Atmospheric Science (An Introductory Survey) by Wallace and Hobbs (2nd edition)
Severe and Unusual Weather by Rauber, Walsh, and Charlevoix (4th edition)
**Student Responsibilities:**
“Students are responsible for the content of courses in which they are enrolled. Specific policy concerning attendance requirements and announced and unannounced examinations is the responsibility of the individual instructor. Students have a responsibility to inform faculty prior to absences whenever possible. Faculty should make every effort to find a reasonable accommodation for students who miss class as a result of participation in Provost-approved University-sponsored activities or legally required activities such as emergency military service. Students missing class on account of jury duty must receive such an accommodation.” From Faculty Handbook 2009-10

**Homework Policy:**
Homework is due on the day assigned. Homework is to be original and done alone, but you are free to discuss problems with each other. Copying other homework will be considered cheating. Homework and Tests will be returned in less than two weeks.

**Accommodations:**
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**Questions about the course:**
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