

METR 5123 ADVANCED ATMOSPHERIC DYNAMICS II
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TR 11:30 am - 12:45 pm
National Weather Center, room 5930

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Office hours:

TR, 1-3 pm. Extra hours available upon request -- or just drop by and see if I'm free.
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Required texts: None. But my notes will be made available prior to each class.

Recommended texts:

Chandrasekhar, S. 1962: *Hydrodynamic and Hydromagnetic Stability*. Dover.
Gill, A. E., 1982: *Atmosphere-Ocean Dynamics*. Academic Press.
Kundu, and Cohen, 2008: *Fluid Mechanics*. Academic Press.
A more extensive list of suggested reading/references will be distributed in class.

Prerequisites:

- METR 5113 (Advanced Atmospheric Dynamics I) or equivalent.
- Working knowledge of advanced calculus, differential equations (odes and pdes)

Grading:

- Mid-term exam @ 30 %
- Final exam (not comprehensive) @ 35 %
- Class presentation/lecture on baroclinic instability @ 35 % (tag-team presentation)

Topics (tentative):

Dimensional analysis, plumes and thermals, thermal instability, centrifugal instability, Kelvin-Helmholtz instability, Instability theorems of Squire, Rayleigh and Fjortoft, katabatic flows, low-level jets, shallow water theory, Poincare and Kelvin waves, nonlinear steepening, Stokes drift, internal gravity waves, mountain waves, internal wave reflections from mountains, WKB approximation, method of stationary phase, hydraulic jumps and bores, baroclinic instability.

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