

SYLLABUS

METR 1111

FALL 2008

Orientation to Professional Meteorology

Time and Place: Monday 4:00 - 5:30 pm, Room 1313 National Weather Center

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Prerequisite: MATH 1503

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Office hours: MW: 2:00 – 3:30 pm; or by appointment.

Text: Reynolds, R., “Guide to Weather”, Firefly, Inc., 2005, ISBN #1-55407-110-0

Additional handouts and reading assignments as required.

Format: This is a one-credit-hour course for meteorology majors only. It is designed to introduce majors to the School of Meteorology, the National Weather Center organizations and to the profession of meteorology. We will have a guest speaker nearly every week, representing the university, NOAA (NSSL, NWS, etc.), our Education-Abroad universities, TV stations and the private sector. They will describe what it is they do as well as provide their vision as to future opportunities in meteorology. The instructor will also provide guidance on the School of Meteorology curriculum and what your responsibilities and challenges are. The instructor will also present a 5-10 minute lecture (the “meteorological minute”) each week to clarify various aspects of the assigned reading.

Weekly Quiz: The grade for the course will be determined by the weekly quiz and attendance. The five minute quiz will contain 5 short questions based on: (1) topics from the weekly reading assignment from the text; (2) the “meteorological minute” lecture; and (3) the main points of the talk given by the previous week’s speaker. Pay attention!

Each class typically will proceed as follows:

4:00 – 4:05 pm: Announcements; possible weather briefing

4:05 – 4:45 pm: Guest presentation

4:45 – 4:55 pm: Break; one-on-one time with guest lecturer

4:55 – 5:00 pm: Weekly quiz

5:00 – 5:10 pm: “Meteorological Minute” - Brief lecture on topic for next week’s quiz

5:10 – 5:30 pm: Question and answer period; pick up last week’s quiz at back of room as you leave. There may occasionally be a “pop quiz” given at the end of class.

Exams and Grades:

The grading policy will be as follows: Weekly quizzes: 100%
There will be no final exam in this class.

The lowest **two** quiz grades (out of 14) will be dropped. This includes grades of “0” caused by absences, whether excusable or not. If you have an extended illness or family emergency, please see the instructor.

Web site:

This class will be using the Desire2Learn course management software, located at <http://learn.ou.edu>, which is a system designed to facilitate interaction between instructors and students. Announcements, lectures and other related information will be posted here, so we ask you to become familiar with its use.

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 fax only 405/325-4173.

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