

Syllabus

Weather Briefing - METR 4491/5491

Course Description: This is a one-credit-hour course for meteorology majors and aims to help students learn to prepare and present a daily weather briefing. Briefings will demonstrate the ability to synthesize weather information on all scales, prepare a forecast and communicate this clearly and succinctly to an audience. Guidelines for weather briefings will be provided, and will be taught throughout the semester. Briefings will be prepared in two manners: through preparation and through spontaneity. Weather briefings should be a discussion that encourages audience participation, debate, and questions.

Meeting Times and Location:

Monday and Wednesday from 1:00 – 1:40 pm, NWC 5600

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Required Texts and Readings:

None. Weather briefings will be internet/web based and instructional material will be disseminated throughout the semester as needed.

Course Grade Determination:

This is a pass/fail course (S/U). Conditions for passing are:

- Completion of *at least* one pre-assigned and one impromptu weather briefing, in which each must satisfy the course goals outlined above. Students will have the opportunity to present a weather briefing on more than one occasion, and the best briefing will be used for the final student evaluation. Student evaluations will consist of feedback by the instructor, classmates, as well as self-evaluation by the student.
- No more than 2 absences (Monday and Wednesday class times).
- A minimum of 2 written weather briefing critiques: One of themselves and one of another classmate.

Reasonable Accommodation:

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 me 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.

Academic Misconduct:

All provisions of the Norman Campus Academic Misconduct Code shall apply in cases of academic dishonesty. ANY violation of the Academic Misconduct Code will result in your removal from this course, and a grade of F will be recorded for the course. Academic misconduct is defined as “any act that improperly affects the evaluation of a student’s academic performance or achievement.” At the University of Oklahoma, academic integrity is expected from each student. Misconduct such as plagiarism, fabrication, and fraud, as well as attempting to commit such acts or assisting others in so doing, will not be tolerated. Students are responsible for knowing the OU Academic Code, which can be found at <http://www.ou.edu/studentcode> and <http://www.ou.edu/provost/integrity>.

METR 4491/5591 In-Class Policies:

Students must maintain regular attendance and are expected to participate in all class discussions. To eliminate distractions to the instructor and/or fellow students, all cell phone devices must be silent during in-class meeting times and may not be used except in an emergency – texting is **NOT** allowed. Laptop computers are permissible (and encouraged) but **MUST** be used for course related activities. As such, applications and activities including, but not limited to chat, Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc. are **NOT** allowed without the consent of the instructor.