

METR 4624—Radar Meteorology SPRING 2014

Dr. Michael I. Biggerstaff; drdoppler@ou.edu (best method to contact me)
National Weather Center, Room 5417, 623-1769
Office hours: whenever the door is open

Principles of weather radar and storm observations including: radar system design, em wave propagation, radar equation for point and distributed targets, Rayleigh scattering, Mie scattering, power spectrum, I&Q, moments of the power spectrum, ground clutter, attenuation, rainfall measurements using radar reflectivity and using polarization diversity radars, single- and dual-Doppler interpretation and analysis, polarimetric theory and applications, kinematics of convective storms (multi-cell, supercell, mesoscale convective systems, hurricanes) and their radar signatures.

Lecture class will meet WF 11:00-11:50 pm in room NWC 5600. Lab and additional lecture classes will be held in NWC 5720 on Fridays from 4:30-6:00 pm. If possible, I will reserve use of a SMART-radar during late April for optional labs.

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

Required text: *Radar for Meteorologists* by R. E. Rinehart (1991) fourth or fifth 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. Zrníc (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:

1 mid-term	44%	=	44%
Final exam	46%	=	46%
Class participation		=	10%
			100%

Approximately 90 % or better = A

Approximately 80 to 89 % = B **MID-TERM EXAM – 28 Feb. 4-6 pm.**

Approximately 70 to 79 % = C

Approximately 60 to 69 % = D **FINAL EXAM — 25 April 4-6 pm**

Below 60 % = F

Legal Requirements:

No lab 14 March.

No class on 13, 15 January or during 15-23 March.

NOTE: All materials provided you in this class are protected by copyright. Any attempt to transmit to or receive copyrighted materials from parties outside this class is prohibited and will be treated as academic misconduct. You may use the materials for your own educational benefit.

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.

2) Academic integrity policy website information: There have been several changes to the Academic Misconduct Code. Details can be found at the following website: www.ou.edu/provost/integrity-rights.

In addition, persons found, or suspected of, having violated university academic conduct will be punished to the maximum extent allowable. The instructor will do his best to dissuade potential employers from hiring a person found guilty of academic misconduct.