

DESCRIPTION: This is a non-technical and descriptive discussion of the fundamentals and principles of atmospheric processes. It is part of Topical Cluster (CL1) ILSN Natural Science requirements in UNCA Integrative Liberal Studies.

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 (Or by appointment, but walk-in is always welcome)

TEXT: **The Atmosphere (10th edition, 2007) by F. K. Lutgens and E. J. Tarbuck.**

SCHEDULE: 3:10 - 4:25 pm, Tuesday, Thursday, RBH 110.

EXAMS: 1st Test: 9/18; 2nd Test: 10/18; 3rd Test: 11/13; Final Exam: 3-5:30 pm, 12/6/2007.

GRADING: **Quizzes: 20%, 3 Tests: 50%, classroom participation: 5%, and Final Exam: 25%.**

GRADE SCALE (100%): A \geq 93; A-: 92.5-90; B+: 89.5-87; B: 86.5-83; B-: 82.5-80;
 C+: 79.5-77; C: 76.5-73; C-: 72.5-70; D+: 69.5-67; D: 66.5-60 F: \leq 59.5.

SPECIAL REMARKS: Class attendance is strongly recommended. You are solely responsible for the consequences due to your absence. No make-up quizzes/tests will be given. Exception may be granted for uncontrollable circumstances and medical reasons. You have to consult with the instructor at your earliest convenience for exceptions. A significant reduction of your score on your late/make-up quizzes may be applied. You will receive an F for the semester if you miss more than 8 class periods without any justifiable and excusable reasons.

****Respect & Responsibility****

NOTE: This syllabus is subject to any reasonable modifications by the instructor with the consent of students.

COURSE OUTLINE

Week	Dates	SUBJECT	Chapter
1	8/21, 8/23	Introduction to the Atmosphere	1
2	8/28, 8/30	Heating Earth's Surface and Atmosphere	2
3	9/3	Labor Day, No Class	
3	9/4, 9/6	Global Warming	14
4	9/11	UNCA ACT Day	
4	9/11, 9/13	Hurricanes	11
5	9/18	1st Test, Global Circulation	7
5	9/20	Global Circulation	7
6	9/25, 9/27	Temperature	3
7	10/2, 10/4	Moisture and Stability	4
8	10/6-10/9	Fall Break	
8, 9	10/11, 10/16	Forms of Condensation and Precipitation	5
9	10/18	2nd Test, Forms of Condensation and Precipitation	5
10, 11	10/23, 10/25, 10/30	Air Pressure and Winds	6
11	11/1	Air Masses	8
12	11/6	Weather Patterns	9
12	11/8	Weather Analysis and Forecasting	12
13	11/13	3rd Test, Thunderstorms and Tornadoes	10
13, 14	11/15, 11/20	Thunderstorms and Tornadoes	10
14	11/21-11/25	Thanksgiving Holidays	
15	11/27	World Climates	15
15	11/29	Global Climate Change	14
16	12/4	Reading day	
17	12/6	Final Exam, 3-5:30 pm, Thursday	