

ATMS 310 ATMOSPHERIC KINEMATICS/DYNAMICS Spring 2008

DESCRIPTION: Topics include driving forces for the air, equations of motion, balanced flow, circulation, vorticity, streamlines, extratropical dynamics, and atmospheric waves.

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

TEXT: **An Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology** (2004), by J. R. Holton.
ATMS 310 Supplementary Material (2008), by Alex Huang (AH).

SCHEDULE: 9:25 - 10:40 am, Tuesday, Thursday, RH217.

EXAMS: 1st Test: 2/14; 2nd Test: 3/13; 3rd Test: 4/3;
 Final Exam: 8:00-10:30 am, Thursday, May 8, 2008.

GRADING: **Assignments: 25%; 3 Tests: 45%; student presentation: 5%,
 Classroom participation: 5%; and Final exam: 20%.**

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: Each assignment is due in a week, unless otherwise indicated. Class attendance is strongly recommended. You are solely responsible for the consequences due to your absence. No late assignments will be accepted; no make-up 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 homework may be applied. You will receive an F for the semester if you miss more than 5 class periods without any justifiable and excusable reasons.

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

COURSE OUTLINE

| Week | Dates | SUBJECT | Sections in Text | AH |
|-------------|------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 1/15 | Introduction, Math Review | 1.1, 1.2 | 1, 2 |
| 1, 2 | 1/17, 1/22 | Atmospheric Forces | 1.4, 1.5 | 4 |
| 2 | 1/24 | Hydrostatic Balance/Hypsometric Equation | 1.6 | 3 |
| 3, 4 | 1/29, 1/31, 2/5 | Equations of Motion | 2 | 5 |
| 4, 5 | 2/7, 2/12 | Basic Equations | 3.1 | 4 |
| 5 | 2/14 | 1st Test | | |
| 6 | 2/19, 2/21 | Balanced Flow | 3.2 | 6 |
| 7 | 2/26, 2/28 | Thermal Wind | 3.4 | 6 |
| 8, 9 | 3/1 - 3/9 | SPRING BREAK | | |
| 9 | 3/11 | Streamline Analysis | 3.3 | 7, 8 |
| 9 | 3/13 | 2nd Test | | |
| 10 | 3/18 | Vertical Motion | 3.5 | |
| 10, 11 | 3/20, 3/25 | Circulation and Vorticity | 4 | 9 |
| 11, 12 | 3/27, 4/1 | Synoptic-scale Motions I | 6 | 10, 11 |
| 12 | 4/3 | 3rd Test | | |
| 13 | 4/8, 4/10 | Atmospheric Oscillations | 7.1, 7.2 | 12 |
| 14 | 4/15 | UNCA Spring Symposium, no class | | |
| 14 | 4/17 | Sound waves | 7.3 | 12 |
| 15 | 4/22, 4/24 | Rossby Waves | 7.7 | 12 |
| 16 | 4/29 | Student Presentations (3 minutes each) | | |
| 17 | 5/8 | Final Exam, 8:00-10:30 am, Thursday | | |