

Syllabus for ATMS 203 – Foundations of Atmospheric Science I – Fall 2022

| Date | Topic | Due Date* |
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| [1] M 15 Aug 2022 | Geography and the National Weather Service | 22 August 2022 |
| [2] M 22 Aug | Linux Fundamentals | 29 August 2022 |
| [3] M 29 Aug | Plots and Basic Statistics with Microsoft Excel | 12 September 2022 |
| [4] M 12 Sep | ArcMap and Map Projections | 19 September 2022 |
| [5] M 19 Sep | Meteorological Codes | 26 September 2022 |
| [6] M 26 Sep | Surface Station Models | 10 October 2022 |
| [7] M 10 Oct | Surface Map Analysis | 17 October 2022 |
| [8] M 17 Oct | Upper-Air Analysis | 24 October 2022 |
| [9] M 24 Oct | Wind Components | 31 October 2022 |
| [10] M 31 Oct | Skew T–log p Diagrams | 7 November 2022 |
| [11] M 7 Nov | Sounding Parameters | 14 November 2022 |
| [12] M 14 Nov | Scientific Data Visualization | 21 November 2022 |
| [13] M 21 Nov | Moisture Variables | 28 November 2022 |

*assignment due at the beginning of class on this date

Description

This is the first of a two-course sequence designed for atmospheric sciences majors that introduces basic meteorological, mathematical, and computational concepts, skills, and tools that are critical for advanced study in the atmospheric sciences. These tools will be introduced on computers having Linux and Windows operating systems.

Student Learning Outcomes

The computer skills introduced in this course represent the starting point of computer competency development that will eventually aid the student in

- generating scientifically meaningful results from applying mathematical devices to the atmospheric governing equations
- developing their ability to communicate scientific information to experts and laypersons through computer media
- nurturing an ability to make a significant contribution to a team-based research effort

Grading

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| Projects | 70% |
| Attendance | 30% |
| Total | 100% |

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| 92% < total score ≤ 100% | A |
| 90% < total score ≤ 92% | A- |
| 88% < total score ≤ 90% | B+ |
| 82% < total score ≤ 88% | B |
| 80% < total score ≤ 82% | B- |
| 78% < total score ≤ 80% | C+ |
| 72% < total score ≤ 78% | C |
| 70% < total score ≤ 72% | C- |
| 68% < total score ≤ 70% | D+ |
| 60% < total score ≤ 68% | D |
| total score ≤ 60% | F |

Projects

Weekly projects will be assigned during each class and are intended to aid in improving your understanding of the basic meteorological, mathematical, and computational concepts, skills, and tools introduced each week.

Attendance

One unexcused absence drops the attendance score to **20%** toward the final grade. Two unexcused absences drop the attendance score to **10%** toward the final grade. Three or more unexcused absences results in the complete loss of the attendance score (**0%**).

Exams

None

Final Exam

There will be no final examination in this course.

Assignment/Quiz/Exam Policy

Assignments are to be handed in at the beginning of class on the date they are due, typically one week after they are assigned. Accommodations can be made under special circumstances.

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Textbook

None required

References

Given as necessary

Office of Academic Accessibility

UNC-Asheville values the diversity of our student body as a strength and a critical component of our dynamic community. Students with disabilities or temporary injuries/conditions may require accommodations due to barriers in the structure of facilities, course design, technology used for curricular purposes, or other campus resources.

Students who experience a barrier to full access to this class should let the professor know, and/or make an appointment to meet with the Office of Academic Accessibility as soon as possible. To make an appointment, call 828.232.5050; email academicaccess@unca.edu; use this link <https://uncaoaaintake.youcanbook.me/>; or drop by the Academic Accessibility Office, room 005 in the One Stop suite (lower level of Ramsey Library). Learn more about the process of registering, and the services available through the Office of Academic Accessibility here: <https://oaa.unca.edu/>

While students may disclose disability at any point in the semester, students who receive Letters of Accommodation are strongly encouraged to request, obtain and present these to their professors as early in the semester as possible so that accommodations can be made in a timely manner. It is the student's responsibility to follow this process each semester.

Sexual Harassment and Misconduct

All members of the University community are expected to engage in conduct that contributes to the culture of integrity and honor upon which the University of North Carolina at Asheville is grounded. Acts of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking jeopardize the health and welfare of our campus community and the larger community as a whole and will not be tolerated. The University has established procedures for preventing and investigating allegations of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking that are compliant with Title IX federal regulations. To learn more about these procedures or to report an incident of sexual misconduct, go to titleix.unca.edu. Students may also report incidents to an instructor, faculty or staff member, who are required by law to notify the Title IX Office.

Academic Alerts

Faculty at UNCA are encouraged to use the university's Academic Alert system to communicate with students about their progress in courses. Academic Alerts can reflect that a student's performance is satisfactory at the time the alert is submitted, or they can indicate concerns (e.g., academic difficulty, attendance problems, or other concerns). Professors use the alert system because they are invested in student success and want to encourage open conversations about how students can improve their learning, and students who respond to alerts quickly are consistently more likely to earn credit for the course. Please note, professors of 100-level courses are required to submit at least one alert about each student on or before the seventh week of classes.

When a faculty member submits an alert that expresses a concern, the student receives an email from Academic Advising notifying them of the alert and subsequent registration hold on their account. To clear the hold, the student must complete a short Google Response Form included in the alert e-mail; the results will be shared with their instructor and advising staff. Instructors may also request to meet with the student to discuss the alert.

Questions about the Academic Alert system can be directed to Anne Marie Roberts (amrober1@unca.edu) in OneStop Advising and Learning Support.

University Writing Center

The University Writing Center (UWC) supports writers in one-on-one sessions lasting 10 to 45 minutes. Consultants can help writers organize ideas, document sources, and revise prose. If you visit the UWC, bring a copy of your assignment, any writing or notes you may have, and the sources you are working with. Make an appointment by visiting writingcenter.unca.edu and clicking on "Schedule an Appointment," or drop in during open hours Monday-Friday.

Academic Integrity

As a community of scholars dedicated to learning and the pursuit of knowledge, UNC Asheville relies on the honesty and academic integrity of all the members of its community. Any act of plagiarism, cheating, or use of unauthorized materials or assistance is academic dishonesty. A person who knowingly assists another in academic dishonesty is likewise guilty of dishonesty. A student committing a first offense of dishonesty will receive a failing grade or a grade of zero for the assignment or test. A student committing a second offense of dishonesty will receive a failing grade in the course and be reported to the Senior Director of Student Success.

In all situations where a student has been disciplined for academic dishonesty, the instructor must submit a brief statement of the case to the Senior Director of Student Success with a copy to the student. The Senior Director maintains records of academic dishonesty incidents and notifies the instructor when a student is found to have multiple offenses. Depending upon the severity and/or repetition of the offense, the Senior Director and/or instructor may recommend that the Provost impose an additional penalty, such as cancellation of graduation with honors, cancellation of scholarships, or dismissal from the university. If the Provost decides that additional penalties are warranted, the student will be notified in writing.

If a student feels that he or she has been unjustly accused of academic dishonesty, the student has ten (10) class days from the date of the instructor's written notification to the student to respond in writing. This response is to be sent to both the instructor and the Senior Director of Student Success. The instructor should then meet with the student to discuss the charges within five (5) class days. If needed, the student may then contact the Senior Director for assistance in identifying options for possible resolution. If needed, the Faculty Conciliator will be contacted to mediate and/or convene the Academic Appeals Board.