

ATMS 103.2 INTRODUCTION TO METEOROLOGY**Fall 2006**

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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TEXT: **Introduction to Meteorology Handout** by Dr. Alex Huang (2006).

SCHEDULE: 12:45 –1:35 pm, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, RBH 239.

EXAMS: 1st Test: 9/22; 2nd Test: 10/25; 3rd Test: 11/17; Final Exam: 11:30 am, 12/8/2006.

GRADING: **Quizzes: 25%, 3 Tests: 50%, 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.

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 | 1 |
| 1, 2 | 8/25, 8/28, 8/30 | Hurricanes | 17 |
| 2 | 9/1 | Thunderstorms | 18 |
| 3 | 9/4 | Labor Day, no class | |
| 3 | 9/6, 9/8 | Atmosphere | 2 |
| 4 | 9/11, 9/13, 9/15 | Energy | 3 |
| 5 | 9/18 | Global Warming | 3 |
| 5 | 9/20 | Global Circulation | 4 |
| 5 | 9/22 | 1st Test, Temperature | 4 |
| 6 | 9/25 | Temperature | 5 |
| 6, 7 | 9/27, 9/29, 10/2 | Moisture | 6 |
| 7 | 10/4, 10/6 | Stability | 7 |
| 8 | 10/7-10/10 | Fall Break | |
| 8, 9 | 10/11, 10/13, 10/16 | Condensation | 8 |
| 9 | 10/18, 10/20 | Precipitation | 9 |
| 10 | 10/23 | Pressure | 10 |
| 10 | 10/25 | 2nd Test, Pressure | 10 |
| 10, 11 | 10/27, 10/30 | Wind | 11 |
| 11 | 11/1, 11/3 | Air Masses | 12 |
| 12 | 11/6, 11/8 | Synoptic-scale Weather | 13 |
| 12, 13 | 11/10, 11/13 | Surface (MSLP) Map Analysis | 14 |
| 13 | 11/15 | Upper Level Flow | 15 |
| 13 | 11/17 | 3rd Test, Weather Forecasting | 16 |
| 14 | 11/20 | Hurricanes | 17 |
| 14 | 11/22-11/26 | Thanksgiving Holidays | |
| 15 | 11/27, 11/29 | Thunderstorms, Tornadoes | 18, 19 |
| 15, 16 | 12/1, 12/4 | Global Climate Changes | 20 |
| 16 | 12/5 | Reading day | |
| 17 | 12/8 | 11:30 - 2 pm, Final Exam | |