

# ***AT350: INTRODUCTION TO WEATHER AND CLIMATE***

## **COURSE SYLLABUS Fall 2021**

1:00 - 1:50 PM TUESDAY/THURSDAY

Room: A-101, Chemistry

**Instructor:** Dr. Steven Rutledge, Professor, Campus Office is Engineering A-102F (Instructor office hours will be held prior to each Midterm exam in A-102F; and arranged office hours, as requested by individual students)

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**Objectives:** Introduce students to a variety of topics relevant to an understanding of weather, climate and related topics. Familiarize students with information sources regarding these topics. Instill a basic understanding of atmospheric processes and how they determine various atmospheric phenomena.

**Text:** Meteorology Today: C. Ahrens and R. Henson, Cengage Learning, 13<sup>th</sup> Edition

**Course Website:** <http://radarmet.atmos.colostate.edu/AT350>

**Course Structure and Grading Criteria:** The class is offered for two credits and will meet two times per week for lecture/discussion. Grades will be based on student performance on three hourly exams and a final examination. Exams will be multiple choice and computer graded. Questions will cover material from readings in the text, lecture material and class discussions. The final grade will be based on equally weighting the two highest midterm scores and the final examination. **Only under prior arrangement and under special circumstances will students be allowed to make up missed examinations.**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic(s) and Note Sections</b>	<b>Reading in Text</b>
August 24	Introduction, course mechanics, review of syllabus and course web site	-----

August 26	Descriptors of the atmosphere	Chapter 1, 4
August 31	Descriptors of the atmosphere, continued	Chapter 1, 4
September 2	Solar and terrestrial radiation	Chapter 2
September 7	Continued...	Chapter 2
September 9	Seasonal and Daily Temperatures	Chapter 3
September 14	Catch up and brief review for Midterm I	
<b>September 16</b>	<b>Midterm I</b>	
September 21	The atmosphere's water	Chapter 4
September 23	Continued...	
September 28	Condensation: Dew, Fog and Clouds	Chapter 5
September 30	Stability and cloud formation	Chapter 6
October 5	Continued...	
October 7	Precipitation	Chapter 7
October 12	Continued...	
October 14	Forces and winds	Chapter 8
October 19	Continued...	
<b>October 21</b>	<b>Midterm II</b>	
October 26	Local winds; air masses and fronts	Chapter 9; Chapter 11
October 28	Atmospheric General Circulation	Chapter 10
November 2	Continued...	
November 4	Thunderstorms and severe weather	Chapter 14, 15, 16
November 9	Continued...	
November 11	Continued...	
November 16	Lightning and Thunder	Chapter 14
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Midterm III</b>	
November 23	No Class, Thanksgiving Break	
November 25	No Class, Thanksgiving Break	
November 30	Guest: Dr. Russ Schumacher, State Climatologist	
December 2	Climate Change	Chapter 17, 18
December 7	Continued...	
December 9	Review for Final Exam	
<b>December xx</b>	<b>FINAL EXAM</b>	

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<https://disabilitycenter.colostate.edu/accommodations-process/>