



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

Course Syllabus

Course Information

<i>Course Number/Section</i>	ASME 434
<i>Course Title</i>	Atmospheric Dynamics II
<i>Term</i>	Spring 2011
<i>Days & Times</i>	TR 3:45 – 5:00, 315 Gibbs Hall

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Course Pre-requisites, Co-requisites, and/or Other Restrictions

Atmospheric Dynamics I or equivalent

Course Description

This course presents classical and physical hydrodynamics. Topics covered include Planetary Boundary Layer, Quasi-Geostrophic (QG) Theory, QG analysis, QG prediction, Midlatitude Cyclone Evolution, Atmospheric Wave Dynamics

Student Learning Objectives/Outcomes

- Objective:** Use analytical thinking skills to evaluate information critically
- Outcome:** Students will demonstrate the ability to answer conceptual questions on examination questions.
- Objective:** Effectively relate basic ideas and concepts to more sophisticated atmospheric systems.
- Outcome:** Students will demonstrate the ability to employ critical thinking in answering short questions as well as solving problems on examinations.
- Objective:** Use a wide range of disparate information and knowledge to draw references and summarize various concepts, theories and observational evidence in the literature.
- Outcome:** Student will demonstrate the ability to absorb various concepts, theories and observations in assigned references and summarize and present them to the class.

Required Textbooks and Materials

Required Texts

- (1) An Introduction to Dynamic Meteorology
J. R. Holton, 4th Ed., Elsevier Academic Press

Suggested Course Materials

Suggested Readings/Texts

- (1) Mesoscale Dynamics
Y.-L. Lin, Cambridge Univ. Press, 2007

(Relevant material will be provided by Dr. Lin)

Assignments & Academic Calendar

Topics, Reading Assignments, Due Dates, Exam Dates (optional: withdrawal dates, holidays, etc.)

Presentation Schedule

Date	Pres. #	Presentation Title	Remarks
1/6	1	Introduction	Overview
1/11	2	Boussinesq Approximation	Sec. 5.1.1
1/13	3	Renolds Averaging	Sec. 5.1.2
1/18	4	Turbulent Kinetic Energy	Sec. 5.2
1/20	5	PBL – Well-Mixed Layer	Sec. 5.3.1
1/25	6	PBL – The Flux-Gradient Theory	Sec. 5.3.2
1/27	7	PBL - The Mixing Length Hypothesis	Sec. 5.3.3
2/1	8	PBL – The Surface Layer	Sec. 5.3.5
2/3	9	PBL – The Modified Ekman Layer	Sec. 5.3.6
2/8	10	PBL – Secondary Circulation	Sec. 5.4
2/10	11	QG Analysis – Observed Structures	Sec. 6.1
2/15	12	QG Analysis – QG Approximation	Sec. 6.2
2/17	13	QG Analysis – QG Approximation (scale analysis)	Sec. 6.2.1
2/22	14	QG Analysis – QG Approximation (QG vorticity eq)	Sec. 6.2.2
2/24	15	QG Prediction – Geopotential Tendency	Sec. 6.3.1
3/1	16	QG Prediction – QG Potential Vorticity Equation	Sec. 6.3.2
3/3		Midterm Exam	
3/7 – 3/11		Spring Break	
3/15	17	QG Diagnosis – Omega Equation	Sec. 6.4.1
3/17	18	QG Diagnosis – The Q Vector	Sec. 6.4.2
3/22		Good Friday	
3/24	19	QG Diagnosis – The Ageostrophic Circulation	Sec. 6.4.3
3/29	20	Idealized Model of a Baroclinic Disturbance	Sec. 6.5
3/31	21	Wave – The Perturbation Method	Sec. 7.1
4/5	22	Properties of Waves	Sec. 7.2
4/7	23	Acoustic Dynamics	Sec. 7.3.1
4/12	24	Shallow Water Wave Dynamics	Sec. 7.3.2
4/14	25	Pure Gravity Waves	Sec. 7.4.1
4/19	26	Topographic Waves	Sec. 7.4.2
4/21	27	Pure Inertial Oscillations	Sec. 7.5.1
4/26	28	Inertia-Gravity Waves	Sec. 7.5.2
4/28	28	Geostrophic Adjustment and Rossby Waves	Sec. 7.6 & 7.7
5/2-6		Final Exam	

Grading Policy

(1) Homework	20%
(2) Midterm	35%
(3) Final	45%

Course Policies

Make-up exams

No make-up mid exams are allowed. With excused absences, the homework and final exam with appropriate weights will be used to evaluate the overall grade.

Extra Credit

No Extra Credit

Late Work

Late submission of homework and model projects must be within a reasonable period of time permitted by the instructor.

Special Assignments

Not applicable

Academic Integrity

Enrollment in the class means that you agree to abide by the expectations of North Carolina A&T State University about academic integrity. For specific information refer to your Student Handbook. Also, refer to the most current Undergraduate Bulletin for the academic dishonesty policy. The North Carolina A&T State University's Academic Honor Code will be enforced.

Your responsibilities in the area of honor include, but are not limited to, avoidance of cheating, plagiarism and improper or illegal use of technology. Your presentations, assignments, and quizzes are expected to be your own work. Any questions about these should be directed to the professor. It is permissible to request assistance from a librarian when doing database research as long as the selection and organization of the research for the presentation is in your own work.

Class Attendance

The College of Arts and Sciences requires students to be on time for class and to attend class on a regular basis. If the student has unexcused absences, is late for class or leaves class early, the student's grade may be lowered.

(See attendance policy set forth by the instructor in the course syllabus.)

Excused absences will comply with the following university policy on make up work: "Sickness (verification needed); death of relative (immediate family); participation in an approved university related activity; acting in the capacity of a university representative (band, choir, sports, related travel, etc.); extraordinary circumstances including court appearances, family emergency~ at the discretion of the professor, etc. require a signed statement.

NOTE: "Other reasons for class absences are not acceptable."

Classroom Citizenship

Normal classroom decorum is expected.

Technical Support

If you experience any problems with your A&T account you may call Aggie Tech Support (formerly Help Desk) at 336.334.7195.

Field Trip Policies / Off-Campus Instruction and Course Activities

Not applicable

Student Affairs website <http://www.ncat.edu/~staffair/>;

Student Handbook: <http://www.ncat.edu/~deanofst/Handbook.htm>;

Student Travel Procedures and Student Travel Activity Waiver
<http://businessfinance.ncat.edu/policies%20and%20procedures%20index.htm>

Off-campus, out-of-state, and foreign instruction and activities are subject to state law and University policies and procedures regarding travel and risk-related activities. Information regarding these rules and regulations may be found at the website address: Student Travel Procedures and Student Travel Activity Waiver

<http://businessfinance.ncat.edu/policies%20and%20procedures%20index.htm>.

Additional information is available from the office of Student Affairs, please check the website at <http://www.ncat.edu/~staffair/>.

Below is a description of any travel and/or risk-related activity associated with this course.

Other Policies (e.g., copyright guidelines, confidentiality, etc.)

Student Handbook: <http://www.ncat.edu/~deanofst/Handbook.htm>

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

http://www.ncat.edu/~registra/ferpa_info/index.htm

Student Conduct & Discipline

North Carolina A&T State University has rules and regulations that govern student conduct and discipline meant to ensure the orderly and efficient conduct of the educational enterprise. It is the responsibility of each student to be knowledgeable about these rules and regulations. Please consult the undergraduate

http://www.ncat.edu/~acdaffrs/Bulletin_2008-2010/2008-2010_Undergraduate_Bulletin.pdf

and graduate bulletins: 2008-2010 Graduate Catalog.doc

<http://www.ncat.edu/~gradsch/cstudents.html> and student handbook

<http://www.ncat.edu/~deanofst/Handbook.htm> for detailed information about specific policies such as academic dishonesty, cell phones, change of grade, disability services, disruptive behavior, general class attendance, grade appeal, incomplete grades, make up work, student grievance procedures, withdrawal, etc.

These descriptions and timelines are subject to change at the discretion of the Professor.

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