GEOG 2630L - Weather Lab

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2019 PhD Geography, Kent State University. Dissertation title: The Development and Utilization of Fine-scale methods to Track Neighborhood Changes: Case Study Youngstown, Ohio

2013 Certificate. Geospatial Intelligence, Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

2011 M.A. Geography, Kent State University. Thesis title: Water Table Variability on the Pitted Karst Plain, Yucatán, Mexico

2008 B.S. Geology, Minors: Climatology, Geography. Kent State University, Kent, OH

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Course Description

2630L. Weather Lab. Students observe, collect and analyze atmospheric data, and determine and predict weather conditions. Atmospheric laws and meteorological principles, concepts, and processes are investigated using the scientific method. Weekly investigations are undertaken in this hybrid lab encompassing in-class and online instructions. The class meets in person as needed for guidance. Optional lab to accompany GEOG 2630: Weather. Prereq.: GEOG 2630 or concurrently with GEOG 2630. 1 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	Exercises for Weather & Climate, 9th Edition	Greg Carbone	978-0-13-404136-0

You do not need it brand new, and e-versions are accepted. You won't turn pages from the lab manual in; you just need it for information, graphs, figures, and data.

NO REQUIRED lecture textbook. The lecture textbook is not required for the lab. It is recommended as a reference material, and I advise you to have a reference text. Anyone taking the lecture course will have the book already. The book used in the lecture course is: Lutgens and Tarbuck (14th edition) The Atmosphere: An introduction to Meteorology. Publisher Pearson. Previous Book: Lutgens and Tarbuck 13th edition.

Additional Course Materials: Class notes will be provided via Blackboard

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24		WK 1: Blackboard introduction discussion post	Intro Post due by Sunday 8/30, 11:59pm

8/31	Lab chapter 1 and Lab 1 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 2: Lab 1 Vertical Structure of the Atmosphere	Lab 1 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 9/6 by 11:59pm
9/7	Lab chapter 2 and Lab 2 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 3: Lab 2 Earth-Sun Geometry	Lab 2 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 9/13 by 11:59pm
9/14	Lab chapters 3, 4 and Lab 3 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 4: Lab 3 Energy Budget (Lab manual's labs 3 & 4)	Lab 3 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 9/20 by 11:59pm
9/21	Lab chapter 5 and Lab 4 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 5: Lab 4 Atmospheric Moisture	Lab 4 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 9/27 by 11:59pm
9/28	Lab chapter 6 and Lab 5 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 6: Lab 5 Saturation & Atmospheric Stability	Lab 5 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 10/4 by 11:59pm
10/5	Lab chapters 7, 8 and Lab 6 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 7: Lab 6 Atmospheric Motion	Lab 6 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 10/11 by 11:59pm
10/12	Lab chapter 9 and Lab 7 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 8: Lab 7 Weather Map Analysis	Lab 7 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 10/18 by 11:59pm
10/19	Lab chapter 10 and Lab 8 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 9: Lab 8 Mid-Latitude Cyclones	Lab 8 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 10/25 by 11:59pm
10/26	Lab chapter 11 and No notes - use previous weeks' notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 10: Lab 9 Weather Forecasting Final Project Introduced	Lab 9 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 11/1 by 11:59pm Final Project is due Sunday, 12/6 by 11:59pm
11/2	Lab chapter 12 and Lab 10 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 11: Lab 10 Thunderstorms & Tornadoes	Lab 10 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 11/8 by 11:59pm
11/9	Lab chapter 13 and Lab 11 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 12: Lab 11 Hurricanes	Lab 11 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 11/15 by 11:59pm

11/16	No chapters from manual; Lab 12 Notes: Please note that not every part of the lab manual material (readings and/or questions) will be utilized. Please refer to the lab assignment for which specific parts you need to read.	WK 13: Lab 12 Fire Weather	Lab 12 and weekly discussion due Sunday, 11/22 by 11:59pm
11/23	Thanksgiving Break - No assignments	WK 14: Thanksgiving Break - No assignments	
11/30	No readings	WK 15: Course Wrap up	Final Project Due Sunday, 12/6 by 11:59pm
12/7	Final Exams Week	Final Exams Week	

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