ATM 211: Weather Analysis and Forecasting  
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Topics covered:  
Atmospheric properties and measurements  
Satellite and radar  
Isobaric maps, levels of the atmosphere, and hand contour analyses  
Forces, force balances (geostrophy/Ekman/gradient wind)  
Forcing for ascent/precipitation, jets/jet circulation  
Fronts  
Cyclones (mid-latitude)  
Introduction to numerical weather prediction (models)  
Forecasting  
Atmospheric Stability  
Atmospheric flow patterns and properties  

Objectives:  
The goals of this course are to teach you the fundamental “synoptic-scale” processes of the atmosphere. The final part of the course will teach you how to forecast for various cities around the country in a fun, yet competitive environment. Your responsibilities will include taking several quizzes on geography and lecture material, mapping and Skew-T assignments, exams, as well as forecasting during the final few weeks of the course.  

Grading:  
*** 25% Quizzes  
*** 20% Mid-term  
*** 25% Final  
*** 30% Homework / maps / forecasting  
Late same day: 10% off; next day 20%; then 30%; 50%; no credit.  

Requirements:  

Prerequisites:  
ATM 210(Z)/209  
(PHY 140)  

Cell phones:  
Unless an emergency, please put away your cell phones during class.