Midland College Syllabus
2018 - 2019
GEOL 1447
Meteorology Lecture
4 Semester Credit Hours
(3 Lecture/3 Lab)
Core Curriculum Course

Instructor Information:
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Notice: Students MUST actively participate by completing an academic assignment required by the instructor by the official census date. Students who do not actively participate in an academically-related activity may be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

Course Description:
Survey of meteorology and related sciences. Introduces the study of the weather, including atmospheric properties and processes that control temperature, wind, precipitation, and storm systems. Students also discuss weather forecasting, air pollution, and climate change.

Pre-requisite: TSI Complete in Reading

Core Objectives:
This course fulfills four hours of the Life and Physical Science requirement in the Midland College Core Curriculum. The Core Curriculum is a set of courses that provide students with a foundation of knowledge, skills and educational experiences that are essential for all learning. The Core Curriculum is available in the Midland College Catalog. As part of the core, this course addresses the following four objectives:

Critical Thinking Skills – Students will demonstrate critical thinking skills by exploring the how and why of the physical processes and interactions of the earth systems by course assignments, class projects and instructor created regular and final exams.

Communication Skills – Students will demonstrate communication skills by instructor mediated discussions and student presentations.
Empirical and Quantitative Skills - Students will demonstrate empirical and quantitative skills as they calculate and assess various measurements applied to weather.

Teamwork - Students will demonstrate teamwork by group assignments in lecture and gathering and analyzing data in laboratory assignments.

Text, References and Supplies:

Student Learning Outcomes
Four (4) broad goals are identified for the students of this course. These are:
1. To provide comprehensive knowledge of atmosphere and its changing behavior as it relates to human activities and influence our daily lives.
2. Important learning topics include: Mechanics of the Earth’s atmosphere; environmental problems related to the atmosphere; the atmospheric phenomena of temperature, moisture conditions, atmospheric stability, forms of condensation and precipitation, air pressure and winds, role of air masses, and weather patterns.
3. Acquiring knowledge of the cloud types and explain the phenomena of rainfall, fog, snow, sleet, and frost.
4. Understand the mechanism of weather analysis and forecasting.

Student Contributions, Responsibilities and Class Policies:
Students are expected to:
1. Spend at least 1 hour per week for each classroom hour in preparation for class.
2. Make-up work is considered the ultimate responsibility of the student. Attendance is critical in this class and MC policies may be invol
Students will be expected to comply with the policies outlined in the Midland College student handbook. Instructor policies concerning attendance and academic behavior are consistent with the policies in the student handbook (See Instructor Handout). Regular attendance is required to do well in this class.

Attendance Policy:
It is the responsibility of the students to know the policies and procedures associated with absences. These policies are set by instructors. Excused absences may include, but are not limited to, illness, severe weather, and death in the family. Instructors will determine whether or not an absence is excused. Please visit the Midland College Catalog
Withdrawal Policy:
Students who have enrolled in a Texas public institution of higher education as a first-time freshman in fall 2007 or later are permitted to drop no more than six courses during the entire undergraduate career. This limit includes all transfer work taken at a Texas institution of higher education and to second baccalaureate degrees. This statute was enacted by the State of Texas in spring 2007 (Texas Education Code 51.907). Any course that a student drops after Census Day is counted toward the six-course limit if “(1) the student was able to drop the course without receiving a grade or incurring an academic penalty; (2) the student’s transcript indicates or will indicate that the student was enrolled in the course; and (3) the student is not dropping the course in order to withdraw from the institution.” Please visit the Midland College Catalog

Scholastic Dishonesty:
Midland College does not tolerate scholastic dishonesty or academic misconduct in any form. Please read the MC Student Handbook on this subject. Please visit the Midland College Catalog

Evaluation of Students:
The final grade will be determined on the basis of: 75% from the lecture portion of the course and 25% from the laboratory portion. The proposed distribution of the course grade system is shown below.

- Homework, Quizzes & Participation: 0% - 20%
- Lecture Exams: 80% - 100%

Students will be evaluated based on the results of all coursework given throughout the semester. Your lecture instructor will inform you on the first day of class as to the tentative dates and content of the course. Students are expected to complete all assignments and exams. There will be no make-up exams. In case of student participation in a scholastic event or other foreseen excusable absence, the instructor may grant permission to take an exam early.

Grades will be determined using the grading ranges as follows: A=90-100, B=80-89, C=70-79, D=60-69, and F=below 60. Class participation and attendance will also be considered.

Course Schedule:
This class meets for 3 lecture hours per week and 3 lab hours per week. For a tentative schedule of the class meetings and material to be covered during those meetings, please refer to the schedule distributed to each student on the first class meeting (See Instructor Handout).

ADA Statement:
Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with disabilities should
notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

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