Course Information

Catalog Description: This course places special emphasis on interpretation of meteorology phenomena affecting aircraft; basic concepts of aviation meteorology; temperature, pressure, moisture, stability, clouds, air masses, fronts, thunderstorms, icing and fog. Using the scientific method of inquiry, students will explore various weather patterns and conditions that affect aviation. The course covers analysis and use of weather data for flight planning and safe flying, and interpretation of weather maps, reports and forecasts.

Prerequisite(s):

Corequisite(s):

Credits: 3

Hours: 3

Required Text(s):

- Ahrens, C. D., & Henson, R. (2018). *Essentials of meteorology: An invitation to the atmosphere* (8th ed.). Cengage Learning. ISBN: 13: 978-1305628458

Supplemental Materials:

- FAA Advisory Circular --- Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems
- Aeronautical Information Manual Official Guide to Basic Flight Information and ATC Procedures
- Pilots Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge, US Dept. of Trans., FAA

Instructor Information

Instructor's Name:

Contact Information:

Office Hours:

Program Goals

1. Equip students with comprehensive knowledge of unmanned systems, including their standards, regulations, and operational frameworks, preparing them for FAA Part 107 certification and other regulatory requirements.
2. Develop proficiency in using geographic information systems (GIS) and remote sensing technologies, enabling students to analyze and interpret spatial data for applications in environmental monitoring, urban planning, and emergency response.
3. Foster a strong understanding of safety protocols, risk management strategies, and security measures in unmanned aviation to ensure compliance with industry standards and promote operational excellence.
4. Provide hands-on training in maintaining, repairing, and optimizing unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) to extend operational life and enhance performance in various industry settings.
5. Introduce students to advanced robotics, programming, and cutting-edge technologies, including infrared thermography and digital photography, to expand their expertise in innovative applications of unmanned systems.
6. Equip students with the skills and knowledge to contribute to the development and operation of innovative unmanned aerial transportation systems, addressing future urban and regional mobility challenges.

Class Core Competencies

The following core competencies are embedded in this curriculum:

- Communicate effectively in both speech and writing.
- Apply appropriate mathematical and statistical concepts and operations to interpret data to solve problems.
- Use scientific method of inquiry, through the acquisition of scientific knowledge.
- Use computer systems or other appropriate forms of technology to achieve educational and personal goals.
- Address an information need by locating, evaluating, and effectively using information.

Class Learning Assessment

Student Learning Outcomes	Suggested Means of Assessment
Demonstrate a basic knowledge of atmospheric circulation, air masses, fronts, and thunderstorm structure and behavior and the threat it poses to aircraft operations.	Test, homework, projects
Use the scientific method of inquiry to examine various weather conditions that affect aviation.	Lab reports, experiments
Recognize the hazards of wind shear, turbulence and icing conditions to aircraft operations and flight performance.	Test, homework, projects
Identify, comprehend and analyze sources of weather information regarding in-flight weather conditions using aviation meteorology charts and internet weather resources.	Test, homework, projects
Comprehend the fundamentals of meteorology and proper technical vocabulary of meteorological terms.	Tests

Grading System

Letter Grade	Percentage Range
A	90 to 100 percent
B Plus (B+)	87 to 89.9 percent
B	80 to 86.9 percent
C Plus (C+)	77 to 79.9 percent
C	70 to 76.9 percent
D	60 to 69.9 percent
F	Below 60 percent

College Information

Disability Services

Disability Services Webpage

Statement and Policy on Cheating, Plagiarism, and Academic Conduct

Academic Conduct Policy (Policy 304) [PDF]

Students are required to perform all the work specified by the instructor and are responsible for the content and integrity of all academic work submitted. A violation of academic integrity will occur if a student: (1) knowingly represents work of others as one's own, (2) uses or obtains unauthorized assistance in any academic work, (3) gives fraudulent assistance to another student, or (4) furnishes false information or other misuse of college documents.

Unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is prohibited unless the instructor explicitly permits it in the syllabus or assignments. If tools such as ChatGPT are permitted by an instructor to be used for an assignment, they should be used with caution and with proper citation. In all such cases, you may only use the specific tools identified as acceptable and you must adhere to the College's standards for attribution, validation, and transparency.

In cases of suspected violation of academic integrity, the incident is to be reported to the Office of Academics. A student found guilty of violating the rule of academic integrity by the Vice President of Academics will be considered to have failed in personal obligation to the College; such failure will be subject to disciplinary action by the College. Unless otherwise notified, the instructor will allow students who are pending disciplinary action to attend class.

Tutoring and Testing at the Instructional Support Center (ISC)

- Instructional Support Center (ISC) Webpage

WCCC Library Services

- WCCC Library Website

Citation Styles and Formatting

Work submitted for any Warren County Community College course must conform to the required formatting and citation style that are specified by the instructor. The Library and Instructional Support Center can assist students with formatting and citations for assignments and papers.

WCCC Attendance Expectations

The College expects students to attend and participate in all classes. This involves sharing discussions and lectures in class, as well as interacting with other students.

Grades are based on the quality of work students complete in meeting the requirements for a particular course, as stated in the course syllabus and catalog description. Attendance, among other factors, may be an additional criterion for assigning grades. Students should realize that they are responsible for all class meetings and that work missed because of absences may affect their grades. Attendance in online classes is determined by the completion of assignments/ tests. Students who have not completed any assignments or tests will be considered non-attending and receive an NF grade in online classes.

Class Attendance Expectations

Topical Outline

1. Fundamentals of meteorology
    a. Earth's atmosphere.
    b. Warming and cooling Earth and the atmosphere.
    c. Air temperature.
    d. Humidity, condensation, and clouds.
    e. Cloud development and precipitation.
    f. Air pressure and winds.
    g. Atmospheric circulations.
    h. Air masses, fronts, and middle latitude cyclones.
    i. Weather forecasting.
    j. Thunderstorms and tornadoes.
    k. Hurricanes.
    l. Global climate.
    m. Earth’s changing climate.
    n. Air pollution.
    o. Light, color, and atmospheric optics.
2. Meteorological technical terms
3. Atmospheric circulations
4. Air masses, fronts and thunderstorms
5. Wind shear, turbulence and icing conditions
6. Sources of weather information
7. Aviation charts and internet resources
8. Accessing aviation weather services
9. Interpretation of weather briefings
10. Reading aviation weather reports
11. AIRMET

12. SIGMET
13. Interpreting weather charts
14. ATC weather displays
15. Understanding & interpreting METARs
16. Pilot responsibility for weather analyses
17. Using online apps for aviation weather
18. FAA weather regulations for UAS Flight
19. Effects of weather on UAS operations
20. Managing UAS projects in severe weather conditions

Grading Methods

Assignment	Points/Percentage

Class Itinerary

Week / Unit	Topic	Readings/Assignments

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