

ATSC 201 Meteorology of Storms. Special Notice about COVID_{v4}

Unless changed by provincial health order or by UBC policy, this class will meet in person in room B150 Chemistry Bldg.

Covid Safety in the Classroom

Masks: Masks are **required** for all indoor public spaces on campus, including **classrooms**, as per the BC Public Health Officer orders and UBC policy.

For our in-person meetings in this ATSC 201 class, it is important that all of us feel as comfortable as possible engaging in class activities while sharing an indoor space. For the purposes of this order, the term “masks” refers to medical and non-medical masks that cover our noses and mouths. Masks are a primary tool to make it harder for Covid-19 to find a new host.

You will need to wear a medical or non-medical mask for the duration of our class meetings, for your own protection, and the safety and comfort of everyone else in the class. You may be asked to remove your mask briefly for an ID check for an exam, but otherwise, your mask should cover your nose and mouth.

Please do not eat in class. If you need to drink water/coffee/tea/etc, please keep your mask on between sips. Mask wearing protects you as well as others in your environment. Let's do everything we can as a community to stop the spread of this virus.

Please note that there are some people who cannot wear a mask. Students who need to request an exemption to the indoor mask mandate must do so based on one of the grounds for exemption detailed in [the PHO Order on Face Coverings \(COVID-19\)](#). Such requests must be made through the Center for Accessibility (info.accessibility@ubc.ca).

Vaccines: If you have not yet had a chance to get vaccinated against Covid-19, vaccines are available to you for free, and on campus (see <http://www.vch.ca/covid-19/covid-19-vaccine> for info about vaccination sites). The higher the rate of vaccination in our community overall, the lower the chance of spreading this virus. You are an important part of the UBC community. Please arrange to get vaccinated if you have not already done so.

Seating in class: To reduce the risk of Covid transmission, please sit in a consistent area of the classroom each day. This will minimize your contacts and will still allow for the pedagogical methods planned for this class to help your learning.

Interaction with the Instructor before and after class: Sadly, for my personal safety, I will not be able to meet with students one-on-one at the front of the classroom. For any questions about the meteorology content, please utilize the Piazza discussion forum. For administrative issues or forms to be signed, please email me (Prof. Roland Stull) at <rstull@eoas.ubc.ca> .

In case you are absent from lecture: My lectures and lecture slides are live-streamed during every class, and are available as a recording roughly 24 hours after each class ends. This is primarily for students who arrive to campus after term starts, or who are staying away from class because of sickness. Here is the link to the streaming/recordings for this course:

<https://ubc.ca.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Sessions/List.aspx?folderID=af8fc2ef-c1ed-4772-8699-ad8601742b94>

Your personal health

If you're sick, it's important that you stay home – no matter what you think you may be sick with (e.g., cold, flu, covid, other).

- A daily self-health assessment is required before attending campus. Every day, before coming to class, complete the self-assessment for Covid symptoms using this tool: <https://bc.thrive.health/covid19/en>
- Do not come to class if you have Covid symptoms, have recently tested positive for Covid, or are required to quarantine. You can check this website to find out if you should self-isolate or self-monitor: <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation#Who>.
- Your precautions will help reduce risk and keep everyone safer. In this class, the marking scheme is intended to provide flexibility so that you can prioritize your health and still be able to succeed. See details in the Evaluation link for this course: <https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/courses/atsc201/A201Home/A201Evaluation.html> .

If you do miss class because of illness:

- Utilize the lecture recordings described on the previous page.
- The content of this course is focused on the free online textbook for this course: https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/books/Practical_Meteorology/ .
If you miss class, you can still do all the readings from the textbook.
- The Piazza app, a discussion forum that you can initially access via Canvas, can help you connect with other students, TAs, and the instructor. We use Piazza instead of office hours.
- Make a connection early in the term to another student or a group of students in the class. You can help each other by sharing notes. If you don't yet know anyone in the class, post on the Piazza discussion forum to connect with other students.
- Consult the class resources on Canvas and on the course web page: <https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/courses/atsc201/>
- See the marking scheme in the Evaluation link for reassurance about flexibility you have.
- If you are concerned that you will need to miss a particular key activity due to illness, contact us to discuss.
- The quizzes, midterm exam, and final exam are all open book. They all focus on the learning goals. Class lecture focus on the learning goals that are covered in the textbook, so if you miss class, you can still succeed by reading the textbook. Here is the link to the learning goals: <https://www.eoas.ubc.ca/courses/atsc201/A201Home/A201LearningGoals.html> .

If you are sick on a midterm exam day, please email the instructor as soon as you are confident you should not come to the scheduled exam. We would strongly prefer that you contact us to make an alternate arrangement than for you to come to the exam while you are ill. A typical alternate arrangement is to use your final exam grade to “backfill” the missing midterm exam grade.

If you do show up for an exam and you are clearly ill, you will not be allowed to write the exam – instead, we will make alternate arrangements with you and will ask you to return home. It is much better for you to email ahead of time and not attend. Remember to include your full name and student number in your message.

If you are sick on a final exam day, do not attend the exam. You must apply for deferred standing (an academic concession) through the undergrad Advising office for your own faculty (e.g., Science, Arts, Business, etc.) no later than 48 hours after the missed final exam/assignment. Students who are granted deferred standing write the final exam/assignment at a later date. Learn more and find the application online:

<https://science.ubc.ca/students/advising/concession>

For additional information about academic concessions, see the UBC policy here:

<http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,329,0,0>

Instructor health

If I (the instructor) am sick: I will do my best to stay well, but if I am ill for any reason, or develop Covid symptoms, or test positive for Covid, then I will not come to class. If that happens, here’s what you can expect:

- If I am well enough to teach, but am taking precautions to avoid infecting others, I will set up Zoom (thru Canvas) to have a couple weeks of classes online, until I can safely return to in-person teaching. If this happens, you will receive an announcement in Canvas telling you how to join the class via Zoom, and/or how to access the Zoom recordings. You can anticipate that this would very likely be a last minute email. Our classroom will still be available for you to sit and attend an online session, in this (hopefully rare) instance.
- If I am too ill to teach the class online, then my colleagues Tim Chui, Julia Jeworrek and/or Dr. Rosie Howard will substitute to teach the class (they will let you know if it is remote via Zoom, or in person).