

Mesoscale Meteorology

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Textbooks

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3. An Introduction to Atmospheric Gravity Waves, 2002, C. J. Nappo, Academic Press, 276 pp.
4. Atmospheric Convection, 1994, K. A. Emanuel, Oxford University Press, 580 pp.
5. Cloud Dynamics, 1993, R. A. Houze, Jr., Academic Press, 573 pp.
6. Advances in Geophysics, 1979, Vol. 21, Academic Press. The Influence of Mountains on the Atmosphere by R. B. Smith.
7. Topographic Effects in Stratified Flows, 1995, P. G. Baines, Cambridge University Press, 482 pp.
8. Hydrodynamic Stability, 1981, P. G. Drazin and W. H. Reid, Cambridge University Press, 527 pp.

Grading

mid-term exam: 30%

final exam: 30%

homework: 40%

Lecture Contents

Overview

Governing equations and approximations

Some theorems for stratified flows

Atmospheric gravity waves

Orographically forced flows

Thermally forced flows

Mesoscale moist convection