

MET3940 SCHEDULE SUMMER 2010

People taking the course beyond the first time are encouraged to go beyond these assignments and/or to volunteer for a different activity altogether.

Meeting	Activity
1: Mon, 10 May	Review syllabus, schedule, and maps. Go over states, provinces, and Great Lakes. Discuss taping times. Visit studio.
2: Wed, 12 May	Quiz over names of 50 states, Great Lakes, and Canadian provinces. Homework due: 1) format used for a local weathercast (outline with timings) and critique. 2) 30-second radio weathercast spoken "live" in class
3: Mon, 17 May	Quiz on Florida cities. Homework due: 1) format for a local weathercast and critique (different station than last week). 2) 30-second radio weathercast spoken "live" in class 3) TV weathercast (see what it is like to stand in front of chroma key)
4: Wed, 19 May	Quiz on Florida and Georgia cities. Homework due: 1) interview classmate on any subject. 2) TV weathercast.
5: Mon, 24 May	Quiz on Florida, Georgia, and Alabama cities. Homework due: 1) interview classmate on weather-related topic. 2) TV weathercast.
6: Wed, 26 May	Quiz on state capitals. Homework due: TV weathercast showing personality. Form teams to produce reporting/educational segments.
7: Mon, 31 May	Quiz on major Caribbean islands. HW due: 1) Draft of script for reporting/educational segment. 2) TV weathercast.
8: Wed, 2 Jun	TV weathercast. First attempt at videotape or live performance of reporting segment.
10: Mon, 7 Jun	TV weathercast Second attempt at videotape or live performance of reporting segment.
Other classes	TV weathercast and/or weather-related reporting segment.
Last meeting	Nonstandard TV weathercast (may be done in teams). For example, the weathercasting class can simulate "FSU Weather."

Weathercasts should be 1:00 or 2:30 long, since these are typical timings for our operations and for commercial television. Have someone give you time cues beginning with your first weathercast. You need to get used to having a time limit; it will add focus and energy to your presentation. It is better to be a few seconds short than a few seconds long, especially for the 1-minute weathercast! Do not go over the time limit!

Possible volunteer activities:

Help with our weathercasting Web page development.

Help with behind-camera production (graphics, switching, camera, etc.)