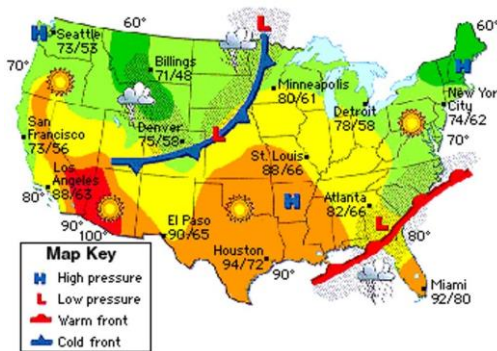
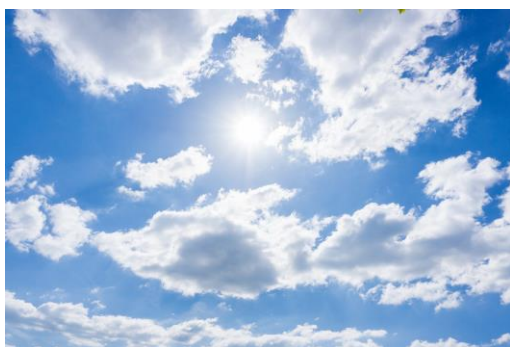


WEATHER 101



WHAT CAN YOU “READ” IN THE SKY?

Learn basic weather reading skills to help the Gardener, Hiker, or outdoor person. Learn to read weather maps, interpret cloud formations, understand our local climate, and gain practical weather knowledge. Taught by a USDA-Graduate School certified Meteorologist and former NOAA/NWS forecaster.

CRN #15391, Winter term 2026, Tuition: \$55

Date: Thursday evenings (5-sessions); **February 19th, 26th, March 5th, 12th, and 19th**; 6:00 pm to 7:50 pm

Where: PCC – Southeast Campus (SE 82nd and Division), *in-person*, Tabor Hall, Room #139

Instructor: Prof. Kyle Dittmer, office (day, VM): 503-731-1314, kyle.dittmer@pcc.edu

TOPICS:

- Introduction: Overall picture of the atmosphere, Air Masses, energy budget, global heat distribution.
- Clouds: How do clouds form, types of clouds and their weather significance; Humidity; Precipitation.
- Atmospheric Motion: Driving/Resisting forces, vertical changes, Cold Fronts, Warm Fronts.
- Weather Forecasting: How to put together a forecast and evaluate it; Interpreting weather maps.
- Invited Special Guest Speaker: staff Meteorologist, NOAA/NWS – Portland Office.
- Severe Weather: Thunderstorms, Lightning, Tornadoes, Hurricanes, and associated safety measures.
- Hydrology: water cycle, snowmelt, Water Supply Forecasts, streams, flooding, risk assessment.
- Climate Science: climatology, climate change & its causes, ENSO (e.g., *El Niño*, *La Niña* events).
- Practical: Hikers, Travelers, Homeowners, Maritime users, Farmers and Gardeners, weather education.
- Specialty Topics: per student interest. 😊

FORMAT:

Lecture format, PowerPoint slideshows, and You-Tube videos. In-class work on weather maps will help students apply specific weather concepts. Students are encouraged to share their views and experiences.

It's easy to register! To register online, go to: <http://www.pcc.edu/enroll/registration/non-credit-registration.html/>.

You can also register by calling 971-722-8888. You will need to know the 5-digit CRN for the class you want to take.



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