High-capacity network connects these to various departmental computing resources including e-mail, file and web servers, resources provided by the campus as well as our Linux-based research computing systems.

These research systems include the department's ever-expanding computing cluster, hundreds of terabytes worth of storage, other departmental systems and a number of systems specific to each faculty member's research group. These systems are used for numerical simulations, analysis and modeling of atmospheric processes ranging from the formation of individual ice crystals to century-long climate simulations over the globe and are used for storing, analyzing and visualizing the results. Our faculty research groups regularly use supercomputers including Blue Waters, the NCAR Supercomputing facility, and other supercomputers nationwide.

We receive and process a large quantity of real-time meteorological data and numerical forecasts from a variety of sources including agencies like NOAA, UCAR, international sources and other peer institutions. These are available for visualization with a variety of tools to aid in the understanding of current weather events and case studies of recent major events.

Because computers are only good when they work and you understand how to use them, the department maintains a dedicated computer support staff which is responsible for maintaining everything and personally assisting users with problems, questions and accomplishing their research goals.

Financial Aid
Financial aid is available in the form of research and teaching assistantships, University fellowships, and waivers of tuition and service fees. More information is available at the Department Website (https://www.atmos.illinois.edu/cms/One.aspx?portalId=127458&pageId=187177).

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ATMS 505  Weather Systems  4
ATMS 507  Climate Dynamics  4
Additional Graduate-level courses in ATMS or approved courses in another discipline  12
ATMS 596  Non-Thesis Research (max applied toward degree)  4
Total Hours  32

Other Requirements
Other requirements may overlap

The student is required to develop a project in ATMS 596 that focuses on a topic proposed by the student and approved by the department head and present an informal (non-seminar series) talk to a committee.

Minimum GPA:  3.0

1 For additional details and requirements refer to the department's Graduate Programs (https://www.atmos.illinois.edu) and the Graduate College Handbook (http://www.grad.illinois.edu/gradhandbook).

Other Requirements

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ATMS 505  Weather Systems  credit: 4 Hours.
Examination of the structure and dynamics of mid-latitude weather systems, integrating weather observations, with the current state of dynamic theory, numerical weather prediction models, and the physical principles of atmospheric thermodynamics, cloud and precipitation physics, and radiation to the problems of weather analysis and forecasting. Students will be required to give weather forecast briefings to develop an understanding of the weather forecasting process, and gain experience in communicating weather forecasts. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

ATMS 507  Climate Dynamics  credit: 4 Hours.
Investigates the dynamical and physical processes that govern Earth's paleo, current, and future climates. Emphasizes principles of climate change, natural and anthropogenic, and regional, national, and global. Global climate models and their predictions are examined in the context of scenarios for future population growth and energy consumption. 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

ATMS 510  Precipitation Physics  credit: 4 Hours.
Develops an understanding of precipitation processes through cloud observations, microphysics, dynamics, and comprehensive theoretical models; includes growth by condensation, coalescence, and riming; and studies ice crystals, hail, and weather modification. Prerequisite: ATMS 504 or consent of the instructor.

ATMS 511  Atmospheric Radiation  credit: 4 Hours.
Physical concepts and various methods of analysis of radiation scattering by atmospheric molecules, particulates, and clouds; infrared radiative transfer in a stratified inhomogeneous atmosphere; radiation and ozone photochemistry in the stratosphere; and remote temperature and composition sensing techniques using satellite radiation data. Prerequisite: ATMS 504 or consent of the instructor.

ATMS 512  Clouds and Climate  credit: 4 Hours.
The following topics are addressed to examine the role of clouds in the climate system: aerosols and aerosol cloud interactions, direct, semi-direct and indirect aerosol effects, in-situ measurements of clouds, properties of liquid and ice clouds, precipitation mechanisms and representation in models, scattering by cloud particles and model representations, remote sensing of cloud properties, and representation of clouds in climate models. Prerequisite: ATMS 504 or consent of instructor.

ATMS 535  Aerosol Sampling and Analysis  credit: 4 Hours.
Same as CEE 545. See CEE 545.

ATMS 571  Professional Development  credit: 1 Hour.
Aimed at professional development in the atmospheric sciences so that students recognize the importance of breath of knowledge, effective oral and written scientific communication, and other skills they will need as professionals. 1 graduate hour. No professional credit. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: Graduate student in Atmospheric Sciences or consent of instructor.

ATMS 590  Individual Study  credit: 2 to 4 Hours.
Individual study or reading in a subject not covered in normal course offerings. May be repeated to a maximum of 8 hours. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ATMS 591  Atmospheric Sciences Seminar  credit: 0 Hours.
Seminar on topics of current interest. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.

ATMS 596  Non-Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 12 Hours.
Non-thesis research in the Atmospheric Sciences. Approved for S/U grading only. May be repeated. No more than 4 hours may be counted toward a master’s degree in ATMS. Prerequisite: Restricted to students in the non-thesis option.

ATMS 597  Special Topics in Atmospheric Sciences  credit: 0 to 4 Hours.
Lecture course in topics of current interest; subjects such as tropical meteorology, aerosol physics, and geophysical fluid dynamics will be covered in term offerings on a regular basis. 0 to 4 graduate hours. No professional credit. Approved for Letter and S/U grading. Prerequisite: Graduate standing or consent of instructor.

ATMS 599  Thesis Research  credit: 0 to 16 Hours.
Check with the department to identify which CRN is needed for your advisor and any related registration questions. Approved for S/U grading only. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor.