**Atmospheric Science (BS)**

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2019–Spring 2020 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year).

**Bachelor of Science in Atmospheric Science**

Unit: College of Arts and Sciences (http://www.louisville.edu/a-s) Department: Physics (http://louisville.edu/atmosphericscience) and Astronomy (http://louisville.edu/atmosphericscience)

Academic Plan Code(s): ATMSBS

**Program Information**

Atmospheric Science is an ever-changing field that continues to grow in scope and knowledge.

There are several universities across the U.S. with undergraduate Atmospheric Science programs, but few with the Louisville area’s various and ever-changing climate patterns. Louisville has seen snow on the ground one day—and 70 degrees the next; hurricane force winds; ice storm damage; major tornado outbreaks...along with everything in between. The rich weather history of Louisville makes UofL a perfect place to study the atmosphere and its processes.

The University of Louisville sits in the center of one of the densest populations of professional meteorologists in the world. The National Weather Service (NWS) Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in Louisville is just minutes away from campus, and affords students many volunteer internship and research opportunities. Louisville’s four major media outlets all take interns and actively collaborate with our program, and the United Parcel Service (UPS) has its global meteorology group based in Louisville, with a shadow program for students.

Completion of this degree requires work to be submitted for the department’s Learning Outcomes Measurement. For details, contact the department.

**Degree Summary**

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1 Some credit hours from the General Education Requirements may be satisfied by courses defined by the program, in which case additional electives will be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

**Departmental Admission Requirements**

The entry-level requirement for the BS in Atmospheric Science is 24 on ACT Math or 550 on SAT Math or a C in Calculus II (MATH 206).

The application for major form can be found on the Arts & Sciences Advising Center website (https://louisville.edu/artsandsciences/advising/apply).

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All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

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<td>Electives in Humanities or Social Sciences at 300-level or above, in addition to Courses counted toward General Education</td>
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**Program/Major Requirements**

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PHYS 350  Differential Equations for the Physical Sciences  4
A minimum of 9 hours from the following Related Electives:  9
CEE 470  Surface Water Hydrology
CHEM 341  Organic Chemistry I
CHEM 441  Elements of Physical Chemistry
GEOS 363  Climate Science
GEOS 564  Hydrology
MATH 560  Statistical Data Analysis - WR
PHYS 355  Optics
PHYS 356  Optics Laboratory
PHYS 530  Thermal Physics
PHYS 541  Electromagnetic Fields
PHYS 545  Advanced Optics
PHYS 546  Advanced Optics Lab
Minimum Electives  3
Minimum Total Hours  75-77

Only 60 hours in the major department may be applied toward the Bachelor of Science degree.

At least 50 of the total minimum hours required must be at the 300 level or above.

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Spring
PHYS 361  Atmospheric Thermodynamics  3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH  3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences US Diversity - SBD1  3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective - SBH  3
Related Elective  3

Year 3

Hours  15

Fall
PHYS 362  Physical Meteorology  3
PHYS 350  Differential Equations for the Physical Sciences  4
PHYS 465  Dynamic Meteorology I  3
Related Elective  3
General Elective  3
General Elective  3

Hours  16

Spring
PHYS 365  Mesoscale Meteorology  3
PHYS 466  Dynamic Meteorology II  3
Related Elective  3
General Elective  3

Year 4

Hours  15

Fall
GEOG 355  Introduction to Remote Sensing  3
PHYS 300  Introductory Modern Physics  3
Humanities or Social Science Elective (300 level or above)  3
WR Elective (300 level or above)  3
General Elective  3

Hours  16

Spring
PHYS 469  Synoptic Meteorology - CUE  3
Humanities or Social Science Elective (300 level or above)  3
WR Elective (300 level or above)  3
General Elective  3
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Hours  15

Minimum Total Hours  121-123

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Flight Plan

Course | Title                                      | Hours |
Year 1  |                                           |       |
Fall    |                                           |       |
GEN 100 | Student Success Center Orientation         | 1     |
or GEN 101 | or Arts and Sciences Orientation       |       |
ENGL 101 | Introduction to College Writing - WC    | 3     |
MATH 205 | Calculus I - QR                          | 4     |
Foreign Language 1 | Contemporary Issues in Meteorology - S  | 3     |
or PHYS 220 | or Contemporary Issues in Meteorology - S |       |
Hours |                                               | 14-15 |
Spring
ENGL 102 | Intermediate College Writing - WC         | 3     |
MATH 206 | Calculus II                               | 4     |
PHYS 298 | Introductory Mechanics, Heat and Sound - S | 4 |
PHYS 295 | Introductory Laboratories I - SL          | 1     |
Foreign Language 2 |                                    | 3-4   |
Hours |                                               | 15-16 |
Year 2  |                                           |       |
Fall    |                                           |       |
MATH 301 | Calculus III                              | 4     |
PHYS 299 | Introductory Electricity, Magnetism and Light | 4  |

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**Flight Planner**
Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.