Hooked on the Weather Channel?

Do you love to watch the swirling atmospheric maps on TV spell out where the storm is going and why, and just how much snow is going to fall and exactly when…?

If so, you have the potential to be one of a special breed of inquisitive souls we call meteorologists. And Western Connecticut State University (whose low tuition makes it one of the best education values anywhere) has a degree program made especially for you!

Our Bachelor of Science in Meteorology is the only such program in the State of Connecticut, and one of only a few in the Northeast. WestConn has developed foundation of courses in mathematics, computer science, physics, astronomy and earth science, combined with meteorology, to prepare you for television and radio weathercasting, operational forecasting, or for teaching or research in the atmospheric sciences.

Hone your research skills in our Meteorological Studies and Weather Center. Earn credits while learning how a fully operational weather center gathers and disseminates data. You’ll even gain valuable experience by participating in WestConn’s daily student TV weathercasting show!

Weather is everywhere, but it’s especially challenging here in New England. WestConn’s Meteorology Club is an official chapter of the American Meteorological Society, and our students compete annually in the National Collegiate Weather Forecasting Competition. Be part of the team as WestConn shows off its extraordinary expertise in this important, wide-open field!

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Two of the following Earth & Planetary Science (EPS) courses:

- AST 150 General Astronomy
- ES 103 Planet Earth
- ES 110 Physical Geology
- ES 210 Introduction to Physical Oceanography
- MTR 150 Meteorology
- MTR 175 Introduction to Analytical Meteorology
- MTR 310 Atmospheric Thermodynamics
- MTR 311 Atmospheric Dynamics
- MTR 230 Weather Analysis and Forecasting I
- MTR 450/370 Sr. Research or Internship in Meteorology

MTR Elective (200 level or higher)

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- MTR 315 Atmospheric Physics
- MTR/PHY 360 Physics of Fluids
- MTR 420/421 Geophys. Hydro. I or Geophys. Hydro. II

II. Operational Meteorology and Weathercasting

- MTR 240 Climatology
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- You’ll have access to undergraduate research and internship opportunities.
- Our Southern New England weather is a meteorologist’s dream for variety… “Four seasons of challenge!”
- WestConn is all about quality education at an affordable cost!

Faculty

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