

Class title	Upper Atmosphere (고층대기)	Credit	3
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Level	Graduate students in atmospheric science, space science or other disciplines		
Objectives	Introduction to dynamical and chemical processes that determine the mean states and perturbations of wind, temperature, and plasma density in the upper stratosphere, mesosphere, thermosphere, and ionosphere. Understanding of physical processes required for whole atmosphere global modeling and potential impacts of the solar and upper atmospheric processes in near-surface climate.		
Pre-requisites	Undergraduate-level knowledge of thermodynamics, dynamic meteorology and electromagnetism can help (e.g., Ideal gas law, thermodynamic energy equation, Navier Stokes equation, hydrostatic and geostrophic balances, Rossby and gravity waves, Lorentz force, conductivity, and electromagnetic induction).		
References	R1: The Earth's Ionosphere: Plasma Physics and Electrodynamics (2009), 2nd edition, Academic Press by Michael C. Kelley. R2: Middle Atmosphere Dynamics (1987), Academic Press by David G. Andrews, James R. Holton, and Conway B. Leovy. R3: Modeling the Ionosphere-Thermosphere System (2013), AGU Geophysical Monograph 201, AGU by Jeseoph Huba, Robert Schunk, and George Khazanov. R4: SCI(E) papers on solar variability, energetic particle precipitation, or middle atmosphere ozone chemistry		
Week	Contents		
1	Backgrounds and structure of atmosphere and ionosphere		
2	Basic equations for neutral air and plasma		
3	Electric and magnetic field in the steady-state ionosphere		
4	Tides, Rossby normal modes, and planetary waves		
5	Planetary waves and atmospheric gravity waves		
6	Atmospheric gravity waves		
7	Equatorial ionosphere - Introduction		
8	Mid-term exam		
9	Equatorial ionosphere: F region		
10	Equatorial ionosphere: E region - I		
11	Equatorial ionosphere: E region - II		
12	Thermospheric winds and high-latitude dynamics		
13	High-latitude dynamics		
14	Energetic particle precipitation and D-region chemistry		
15	Potential impacts of solar and geomagnetic activities in near-surface climate		
16	Final exam		