

By forecasting on a regular basis, you'll experience the difficulty involved in making a forecast under changing weather conditions. You'll be able to investigate the accuracy of your forecasts through comparison with actual observation. Forecasting is a difficult business, and even a meteorologist whose been forecasting all his/her life, will once in a while totally blow a forecast. So don't get frustrated. Use the *Understanding weather data handouts* and what you learn from them.

Part I – Choose a city in the United States or internationally. If you want to do an international city you may have to find web sites that host international weather data. You will record this on all documents that you submit

Part II – Make a forecast – You will do one practice forecast and then several that will count for your grade. You will be able to revise some of those forecasts. All forecasts and revisions will be submitted through Moodle. You will use the document *Forecast Project Worksheet* for your forecast and the document *Forecast Project Revision* for any revisions.

Part III – Calculating error – You will calculate the error of forecasts, both in temperature and precipitation.

Part IV – Analyzing the data - You will write up an analysis of your forecasting experience with your discussion covering several key points.

Part III and Part IV will be submitted in the same document *Forecast Project Analysis*. Submissions are due by 11:55 pm Payton time of the due date. Payton time is usually 5 minutes fast.

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 11/26/12 (Finish | 11/27/12 B | 11/28/112 0 Make Forecast | 11/29/12 B | 11/30/12 0 Analyze practice | 12/01/12 | 12/02/12 |
| Practice | | | | forecast with archived | | |
| handouts | | Due: Submit | | data | | |
| | | practice | | Make forecast | | |
| | | forecast | | | | |
| | | worksheet by | | Forecast | | |
| | | 11:55 pm for | | Due : Submit 1st | | |
| | | 11/29 & 11/30 | | forecast wksht by | | |
| | | | | 11:55 pm for 12/01, | | |
| | | | | 12/02, 12/03 & 12/04 | | |
| 12/03/12 H | , , | 12/05/12 | 12/06/12 B | 12/07/12 0 | 12/08/12 | 12/09/12 |
| | Analyse 1st | Seminar | | Analyze 2 nd forecast; | | |
| | forecast; Make 2 nd | | | Make 3 rd forecast | | |
| | forcast | | | Dag Calemit 2rd | | |
| | Forecast | | | Due: Submit 3 rd forecast by 11:55 pm | | |
| | Due: Submit 2 nd | | | for 12/08, 12/09, | | |
| | forecast wksht by | | | 12/10, 12/11, 12/12 | | |
| | 11:55pm for | | | & 12/13 | | |
| | 12/04, 12/05, | | | a 12/10 | | |
| | 12/06 & 12/07 | | | | | |
| 12/10/12 H | | 12/12/12 B | 12/13/12 0 | 12/14/12 B | 12/15/12 | 12/16/12 |
| , , | Analyze 3 rd | , , | Analysis for 1st | , , | , , | , , |
| | forecast; Revise | | 2nd & 3rd | | | |
| | Due : Submit | | Forecasts | | | |
| | revision by 11:55 | | Due : Submit | | | |
| | pm for 12/12 & | | forecast project | | | |
| | 12/13 | | analysis by 11:55 | | | |
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