

AST 104 Sect. 001, Fall 2006

Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies

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 Class time: Mondays/Wednesdays 2:30-3:45 pm, WHI Auditorium
 Textbook: "The Cosmic Perspective" by Bennett, Donahue, Schneider and Voit
 Notes: <http://www.physics.unlv.edu/~dproga/AST104F06.html>
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Week	Date	Subject	Reading
1	Aug. 28	Overview 1	Ch.1, A. C
	Aug 30	Overview 2	Ch. 3
2	Sept. 4	Labor day recess	
	Sept. 6	Light and Matter	Ch. 5
3	Sept. 11	Observing Universe	Ch. 6
	Sept. 13	The Sun 1	Ch. 14
4	Sept. 18*	The Sun 2	Ch. 14
	Sept. 20*	Review 1	
5	Sept. 25	Test 1	
	Sept. 27	Stars 1	Ch. 15
6	Oct. 2	Stars 2	Ch. 15
	Oct. 4	Star birth	Ch. 16
7	Oct. 9	Stellar Life cycles 1	Ch. 17
	Oct. 11	Stellar Life Cycles 2	Ch. 17
8	Oct. 16*	Death of Stars 1	Ch. 18
	Oct. 18*	Death of Stars 2	Ch. 18
9	Oct. 23	Review 2	
	Oct. 25	Test 2	
10	Oct. 30	Milky Way 1	Ch. 19
	Nov. 1	Milky Way 2	Ch. 19
11	Nov. 6	Galaxies	Ch. 20
	Nov. 8	Galaxy Evolution 1	Ch. 21
12	Nov. 13	Galaxy Evolution 2	Ch. 21
	Nov. 15	Dark Matter & Energy	Ch. 22
13	Nov. 20	Cosmology 1	Ch. 23
	Nov. 22	Cosmology 2	Ch. 23
14	Nov. 27	Review 3	
	Nov. 29	Test 3	
15	Dec. 4*	Wilder issues	Ch. 24
	Dec. 6	Q&A	
16	Dec. 13	Final	

* class taught by a substitute

Exams, tests & scores:

- There will be three tests on Sept. 25, Oct. 25, and Nov. 29. Each test lasts for 1 hour and there are 50 pts for each test. No make up tests will be made, but the lowest score in the three tests will be dropped. You will get a maximum of 100 pts in the three tests
- The final exam will be on Wednesday, Dec. 13-th at 3:10 pm. It will last 1 and 1/2 hours. The maximum score will be 75 pts.
- There will be 25 pts assigned for attendance. Attendance will be checked randomly 5 times during the semester, and each time the attendants will get 5 pts.
- The maximum score for the class will be 200 pts.
- Final letter grades will be assigned based on the total numerical score (= score from two tests+ final+ attendance points).

Other information:

- This is a survey course at the beginning level, which discusses stars, stellar systems and galaxies. Topics will include stellar evolution, formation of galaxies, and cosmology. A minimum of mathematics is required. Recommended for non-science majors. 3 credits.
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