

AST 104 Sect. 001, Spring 2010

Introductory Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies

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Class time: M/W 1:00-2:15 pm, BPB 102

Textbook: "The Cosmic Perspective" by Bennett, Donahue, Schneider and Voit

Notes: <https://webcampus.nevada.edu/>

Office hours: Tuesday 1:30-2:30 pm, BPB Rm. 240

Week	Date	Subject	Reading
1	Jan. 11	Overview	Ch. 1
	Jan. 13	The Science of Astronomy	Ch. 3
2	Jan. 18	Recess	
	Jan. 20	Light and Matter	Ch. 5
3	Jan. 25	Telescopes	Ch. 6
	Jan. 27	The Sun 1	Ch. 14
4	Feb. 1	The Sun 2	Ch. 14
	Feb. 3	Stars 1	Ch. 15
5	Feb. 8	Stars 2	Ch. 15
	Feb. 10	Review 1	
6	Feb. 15	Recess	
	Feb. 17	Test 1	
7	Feb. 22	Star Birth	Ch. 16
	Feb. 24	Stellar Life Cycles 1	Ch. 17
8	March 1	Stellar Life Cycles 2	Ch. 17
	March 3	Death of Stars 1	Ch. 18
9	March 8	Death of Stars 2	Ch. 18
	March 10	Review 2	
10	March 15	Test 2	
	March 17	Milky Way 1	Ch. 19
11	March 22	Milky Way 2	Ch. 19
	March 24	Galaxies	Ch. 20
12	March 29	Spring Break	
	March 31	Spring Break	
13	April 5	Galaxy Evolution 1	Ch. 21
	April 7	Galaxy Evolution 2	Ch. 21
14	April 12	Dark Matter & Energy	Ch. 22
	April 14	Cosmology	Ch. 23
15	April 19	Review 3	
	April 21	Test 3	
16	May 26	Q&A	
	May 28	Review	
17	May 3	Final Exam	

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

Exams, tests & scores:

- There will be three tests: Feb. 17, March 15, and April 21. 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 can earn a maximum of 100 pts from these tests.
- The final exam will be on Monday, May. 3-rd at 1:00 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.
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