

Astrophysics and Cosmology

PHYS 3315-001: Spring 2011

MW 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM 205 SH

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Textbook: Foundations of Astrophysics by B. Ryden and B. M. Peterson
Supplementary handouts as needed

Objectives: To introduce various topics of modern astrophysics including stellar structure, star-formation and evolution, death of stars, interstellar medium, Galaxy and galaxies, active galaxies, and cosmology.

PREREQUISITES: PHYS 3313: Introduction to Modern Physics
PHYS 2315: Introductory Astrophysics
MATH 3318: Differential Equations
or MATH 3319: Differential Equations & Linear Algebra

POLICY: **1 Mid-Term Exam** – 40%, Early March (before Spring break)
1 Final Exam – 40%, 5:30 – 8:00 PM, Monday May 9 2011
In-Class Quiz – 20%, To replace attendance and homework

Make-up exam may be arranged with a note by 5 business days or earlier, depending on circumstances. Post-make-up could be arranged only for mid-term only if official written proof for medical emergency should be provided. Otherwise, no make-up exams will be allowed. There will be no post-make-up for the final – no exception.

No food, cell phone, ipod, iphone, video game, mp player etc.
Yes non-alcoholic drinks coffee, tea, water, soda, juice etc.

University Drop Policy:

Students may drop or swap (adding and dropping a class concurrently) classes through self-service in MyMav from the beginning of the registration period through the late registration period. After the late registration period, students must see their academic advisor to drop a class or withdraw. Undeclared students must see an advisor in the University Advising Center. Drops can continue through a point two-thirds of the way through the term or session. It is the student's responsibility to officially withdraw if they do not plan to attend after registering. **Students will not be automatically dropped for non-attendance.** Repayment of

certain types of financial aid administered through the University may be required as the result of dropping classes or withdrawing. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Americans with Disabilities Act:

The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of all federal equal opportunity legislation, including the *Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)*. All instructors at UT Arlington are required by law to provide "reasonable accommodations" to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Any student requiring an accommodation for this course must provide the instructor with official documentation in the form of a letter certified by the staff in the Office for Students with Disabilities, University Hall 102. Only those students who have officially documented a need for an accommodation will have their request honored. Information regarding diagnostic criteria and policies for obtaining disability-based academic accommodations can be found at www.uta.edu/disability or by calling the Office for Students with Disabilities at (817) 272-3364.

Academic Integrity:

It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University. According to the UT System Regents' Rule 50101, §2.2, "Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts."

Student Support Services Available:

The University of Texas at Arlington provides a variety of resources and programs designed to help students develop academic skills, deal with personal situations, and better understand concepts and information related to their courses. These resources include tutoring, major-based learning centers, developmental education, advising and mentoring, personal counseling, and federally funded programs. For individualized referrals to resources for any reason, students may contact the Maverick Resource Hotline at 817-272-6107 or visit www.uta.edu/resources for more information.

Electronic Communication Policy:

The University of Texas at Arlington has adopted the University "MavMail" address as the sole official means of communication with students. MavMail is used to remind students of important deadlines, advertise events and activities, and permit the University to conduct official transactions exclusively by electronic means. For example, important information concerning registration, financial aid, payment of

bills, and graduation are now sent to students through the MavMail system. All students are assigned a MavMail account. ***Students are responsible for checking their MavMail regularly.*** Information about activating and using MavMail is available at <http://www.uta.edu/oit/email/>. There is no additional charge to students for using this account, and it remains active even after they graduate from UT Arlington.

GRADE SCALE: > 90 % = A
80 – 89 % = B
70 – 79 % = C
60 – 69 % = D
< 60 % = F

* Obvious “clustering” may be considered for scores at border.

COURSE CONTENT: General Introduction
Telescopes and Detectors (Ch 6)
Astronomical Radiation (Ch 5)
Stellar Properties (Ch 13)
Stellar Atmosphere (Ch 14)
Stellar Interiors (Ch 15)
Interstellar Medium (Ch 16)
Stellar Evolution (Ch 17 & 18)
Milky Way Galaxy (Ch 19)
Normal Galaxies (Ch 20)
Active Galaxies (Ch 21)
Clusters of Galaxies (Ch 22)
Cosmology (Ch 23 & 24)

Syllabus on-line: <http://www.uta.edu/physics/main/faculty/>
Link to “**Faculty Research Page**”.