

INTRODUCTORY ASTRONOMY II

ASTR/PHYS 1446-003: Spring 2012

When: MW 5:30 PM – 6:50 PM

Where: 121 SH

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Textbook: Discovering the Universe, 8/9th Ed.
by N. F. Comins and W. J. Kaufmann III
Supplementary material as needed

Objectives: To learn basic nature of light. Introduction to various topics of modern astronomy; the Sun, stars, and their lives, structure and evolution of the Milky Way Galaxy and other galaxies, active galaxies, and cosmology.

PREREQUISITES: ASTR/PHYS 1445 recommended

POLICY: **3 Mid-Term Exams – 45 % (15 % each)**

Tentatively, week of **Feb 13, Mar 5, and Apr 9**

1 Final Exam – 30 %, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM, Monday **May 7**, 2012

Lab: 25 % (You must score > 60% TO PASS THE COURSE).

Lab sessions will start in the week of Jan 30.

No attendance check, but midterm and final exams will include **in-class questions**.

Make-up exams may be arranged **prior to** the regular exam with a notification **5 business days ahead**, depending on circumstances: e.g., “significant health or family matter” might be accepted, but “work schedules”, “friends’ birthday...” are not acceptable. Make-up exams after the regular exam may be arranged **for mid-terms only if official written proof for medical emergency** should be provided.

There will be **no make-up for the final exam – no exception.**

No food, cell phone, ipod, iphone, video game, mp player etc.

GRADE SCALE: > 90 % = A
80 – 89 % = B
70 – 79 % = C
50 – 69 % = D
< 50 % of total, **OR** < 60 % of Lab = **F**

- There will be **no curve**.
- Obvious “**clustering**” may be considered for scores at border.
- Significant **improvement in the final exam** may be considered for those at border.

COURSE CONTENT: Nature of Light - Chapter 3
Atomic Physics and Spectra – Chapter 4
The Sun – Chapter 10
Stellar Classifications – Chapter 11
Stellar Evolution – Chapter 12
Deaths of Stars & Black Holes – Chapter 13 & 14
The Milky Way – Chapter 15
Galaxies – Chapter 16
Active Galaxies & Quasars – Chapter 17
Cosmology – Chapter 18

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

Lecture slides on-line: <http://elearn.uta.edu/> after each class: **Blackboard**.
Course syllabus is also available in this site.

Check announcements on **Blackboard** and your **E-mail** as often as possible.

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.

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Student Support Services Available:

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