

ASTRONOMY 2 – SPRING 2017
GENERAL SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

WEEK #	WEEK BEGINNING	LECTURE TOPICS AND ACTIVITIES	TEXTBOOK READING*	HOMEWORK**	3RD HR EXERCISE	CPS QUIZ
1	1/23	Enrollment Check, Introduction and Objectives Overview of Astronomy and the Universe Distance and Time Scales, Our Place in the Cosmos	Chapter 1	Assignment 0 Due 02/02	Intro-go to 3 rd hour!	—
2	1/30	Planetarium Sky Demonstrations – Terminology and Motions Seasons, Precession, Moon Phases, Eclipses Ancient Mysteries – Retrograde Motion and Stellar Parallax	Chapter 2	Assignment 1 Due 02/02	A	—
3	2/6	Early History and the Geocentric Models, Ptolemy Origins of Modern Astronomy – Copernicus, Brahe, and Kepler Galileo – Nature of Science, Observations, and Inertia and Motion	Chapter 3	Assignment 2 Due 02/09	B	AA
4	2/13 Friday Holiday	Newton’s Three Laws of Motion, Force and Acceleration Conservation Laws, Momentum and Energy Law of Universal Gravitation, Orbits and Tides	Chapter 4	Assignment 3 Due 02/16	C	BB
5	2/20 Monday Holiday	Properties of Light, Waves & Photons, Electromagnetic Spectrum Properties of Matter, Atomic Structure, Phase Changes Atoms and Spectra, The Stefan-Boltzmann and Wien Laws Doppler Shift, Radial Velocity and Rotation	Chapter 5	Assignment 4 Due 02/23	D (or E) ***	CC
6	2/27	Telescopes – Refractors & Reflectors, Interferometers Light Gathering, Angular Resolution, Magnification Observations at Nonvisible Wavelengths, Instrumentation Atmospheric Effects – Light Pollution, Twinkling, Windows	Chapter 6	Assignment 5 Due 03/02	E (or D)	DD
7	3/6	Comparative Planetology, Spacecraft Investigations Structure and Dynamics of the Solar System Clues to the Formation of the Solar System Take-Home Midterm Available (Part 1)	Chapter 7	Assignment 6 Due 03/09	F	EE
8	3/13	Physical Processes and the Creation of the Solar System Formation of the Planets and the Aftermath The Age of the Solar System Planetary Geology, Connecting Interiors and Surfaces In-Class Midterm (Part 3) in Third Hour (Bring Scantron 882) Extra Credit (first 10 pts) – Due 03/17 by 12:00 Noon	Chapter 8 Chapter 9	Take-Home Midterm (Part 1 - 40 pts Part 2 - 10 pts) Due 03/16	In-Class Midterm (Part 3 – 50 pts)	FF

* Supplementary Chapter S1, although not required reading, may be helpful in understanding Week 2 lectures and third-hour activities.

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*** Since Monday is a holiday this week, Monday Third-Hour students need to attend a Third-Hour class at a later time during the week.

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9	3/20	The Geologies of the Moon and Mercury, The Geology of Mars and the Geology of Venus The Unique Geology of Earth	Chapter 9	Assignment 7 Due 03/23	G	GG
10	3/27	Atmospheric Basics, Weather and Climate The Atmospheres of the Moon and Mercury Atmospheric Histories of Mars & Venus, The Earth's Atmosphere	Chapter 10	Assignment 8 Due 03/30	H	HH
11	4/3	Overview of the Outer Planets – Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune Jovian Weather and Magnetospheres	Chapter 11	Assignment 9 Due 04/6	I	II
	4/10	SPRING BREAK				
12	4/17	The Jovian Moons and Ring Systems	Chapter 11	Assignment 10 Due 04/20	J	JJ
13	4/24	Solar System Debris – Asteroids, Meteoroids, Comets Pluto, Dwarf Planets, and the Kuiper Belt Cosmic Collisions and Consequences	Chapter 12	Assignment 11 Due 04/27	K	KK
14	5/1	Other Planetary Systems – Detection and Nature Formation of Other Solar Systems Searching for Earth-Like Planets	Chapter 13	Assignment 12 Due 05/04	L	LL
15	5/8	Physical Characteristics and Processes of the Sun Sunspots, Solar Activity Cycle, and the Sun-Earth Connection Balance of Extra Credit Due 05/12 by 12:00 Noon	Chapter 14	Assignment 13 Due 05/11	M	MM
16	5/15	Final Exam (110 pts, 3 parts – see <i>Final Exam Outline</i>) and Sky Quiz (30 pts)	—	—	Final	—

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