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## Guide Sheet to the First Two Weeks of Classes

If you wish to start the semester in the right direction, below is a list of important tasks you will need to do and understand.

1. **Astronomy Student ID#:** During your first class, your instructor will give you your 4-digit Astronomy Student ID#. MEMORIZE IT!!! Your name and all four digits of your ID# are required on every assignment and every form of communication with your instructor. For all assignments, there will be specific places for you to place your name and ID#. DO NOT ever use your Sierra College Student ID# (which begins with 970) or your SSN on anything that has to do with your astronomy class work.
2. **Books and Materials:** Buy all required books and materials preferably by the end of the first week. If this is not possible, the most important materials you will need can be found on the course web site (in the address below, replace the XX with your two-digit astronomy course number (02, 05, or 10):

<http://astronomy.sierracollege.edu/Courses/AstronomyXX/AstronomyXX.htm>

3. **MasteringAstronomy Registration:** Homework assignments are viewed and submitted via the *MasteringAstronomy* online environment. You must register with *MasteringAstronomy* for this environment to become available to you. Use the “*MasteringAstronomy* Registration Information” document in conjunction with the “*MasteringAstronomy* Login Essentials” PowerPoint (both found at the web address above) for directions on how to register. Complete this task by the end of the first week!
4. **Assignments:** There are no required assignments due the first week. However, it is strongly advised that you do *MasteringAstronomy* Assignment-00 by the end of the first week in order to understand the mechanics of completing your required *MasteringAstronomy* homework assignments (which are due every Friday beginning with the second week).
5. **Third-Hour Assignments:** During your first class, your instructor will ask you to sign up for a “Third-Hour” class (a one-hour hands-on session in the Astronomy Department Lab in room ST-2). “Third-Hour” class assignments (listed by Astronomy Student ID#) will be posted on the astronomy course web site by the Sunday evening preceding the second week of class. If you wish an orientation to “Third-Hour”, attend any “Third-Hour” section during the first week. Days and times for these “Third-Hour” sections can be found at the following web site:

[http://astronomy.sierracollege.edu/Courses/Third\\_Hour\\_Schedule.htm](http://astronomy.sierracollege.edu/Courses/Third_Hour_Schedule.htm)

6. **Enrollment:** During the first week of class, be sure to check that you are enrolled. If you are not enrolled, obtain an add code from the instructor. Then, before the end of the second week, check that your enrollment went through (check your *MySierra* account). If not, see the instructor. Warning: Some instructors will not give “late adds” after the second week!!!
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