

Course Requirements

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"Either there's a spider on the lens, or we need to call somebody."

Objectives: This course will provide you with a detailed understanding of Conceptual Astronomy. We will attempt to cover a wide range of thought provoking and challenging astronomical concepts. This class will present these concepts through wide range of multimedia tools. You will also be assigned a research paper for the year which will further enhance your knowledge of astronomy.

Course Requirements: Your final grade will be determined by your grades on full-period tests, papers, labs and quizzes. All students' grades will be based on the following scale:

45 %: Full Period Exams

20 %: Papers/Presentations

20% Labs4

15 %: Quizzes

- All assignments are due promptly on the assigned day. Late assignments will be assessed a 15 point penalty for each day late. Assignments more than 2 class sessions late will not be accepted. If you anticipate having problems meeting these deadlines please notify me.

- All materials and graded work for the course will be posted and submitted on Google Classroom
- Notification for exams will occur 5-7 days prior to the exam date
- There will be 3-4 major exams per quarter
- You will have a quiz at the end of each week regardless of the length of the week.
- Each cycle students will perform a Lab on Day 1
- Labs are due on Day 3 unless otherwise notified on Google Classroom
- Students will be assigned a group term project within the 1st month of the term. This project will be checked multiple times during the year. The project will consist of 2 parts. A 6-10 page paper (Details are listed below) and a 5-10 minute presentation. Both of these will be due 7-10 before the end of the course.
- ALL PAPERS MUST BE TYPED IN 12PT FONT ONLY.

- ALL PAPERS MUST BE DOUBLE-SPACED AND USE ONLY 1 INCH MARGINS
 - ALL PAPERS MUST INCLUDE IN -TEXT APA STYLE CITATIONS, ENDNOTES AND SOURCES.
 - All papers will have a digital copy submitted via Turnitin.com along with a hard copy submitted in class. Any paper with more than a 40% rating on Turnitin will be assessed a zero grade for the 1st infraction and honor codes for subsequent infractions. Repeat offenders will have their names and work submitted to the school administration and may suffer additional penalties.
 - Every cycle 2-4 students will be selected to present their papers in front of the class. These presentations will receive an additional grade. These presentations must include visual aids/ PowerPoint presentationS/movies. SIMPLY READING THE PAPER WILL RESULT IN A GRADE OF 0 FOR THE PRESENTATION PORTION OF THE GRADE.
 - Students are expected to participate on a regular basis during the classroom sessions. This will allow you and me to address any problems which may arise during the year in a timely manner.
 - Students are expected to behave in an appropriate and adult manner. Disregarding this will result in both disciplinary and academic penalties.
 - Students must arrive to the classroom promptly and sit in their assigned seats upon entering. Students must remain in their seats for the entire period unless instructed otherwise.
- Each and every class will begin with a prayer; reverence and participation are expected during all prayers.
- Talking during class will result in two problems: 1) Loss of information and class notes 2) Loss of points for the quarter.