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% Labs
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.