Syllabus ASTRONOMY 1020 Spring 2010 3:30 - 4:45 Tuesday, Thursday

Shaw Office 235 Office hours Tuesday, Thursday 11am, or by appointment

Text: Bennett et al. Stars, Galaxies, & Cosmology (The Cosmic Perspective) 5th ed

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Below are listed the chapters covered in the course and their tests with their corresponding dates. Tests will be short answers and essays. At the time scheduled for the final, a fourth test will be given, identical in format to the previous three. However, it will be over all the material covered. It may replace your lowest grade. You may use the replacement test as a makeup. Your grade is calculated by averaging your three best test scores. If you are satisfied with your grade before the replacement test is given, you need not take it.

ALL TESTS WILL BE GIVEN IN ROOM 202!

Regular make-ups will be given if you have a legitimate reason for missing the test AND you submit a written, signed excuse. Again, you may use the replacement test as a make-up.

Grades will be assigned according to 93-A, 90-A-, 87-B+, 83-B, 80-B-, 77-C+, 73-C, 70-C-, 60-D.

Please be careful with the grading system! If you have a school or scholarship requirement that needs a C or a 2.0 average, a C-, which is a 1.7 will NOT be adequate!

We will try to stay fairly close to the following schedule. If we run long, part of the review day will be used to finish up the material.

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Classroom Discussion

Classroom discussions will center on two sets of questions. One set of text questions you can answer from merely reading the text. They are listed by the chapter they cover. The second set is listed by the class day. They are more daily questions which may require synthesizing the material from the text or going outside the text to read and understand other sources. You need to read the text and the outside material to either answer questions posed in class or to pose your own questions if you do not understand the material. If you come from class discussion still not understanding everything, you should get help from me, from others in the class or from somewhere else. To repeat: if the material is not clear after studying the text and discussing it in class, set up an appointment for individual help. If you fall behind, spend the time to catch up. I will endeavor to schedule a help session outside of class before each test and there is usually some time in the review sessions before the test. However, do not wait until just before tests to introduce yourself to the material. Do not wait until the end of the semester to try to catch up on all you have missed! Again, don’t get lost, get help!

Tests

The questions on the tests will be taken from the two sets of questions, either as paraphrases or direct quotes. Thus the questions cover the corpus of knowledge for which you are responsible, so the tests should not pose any surprise.

See FAQ for more information. If you ask a particularly good question it might end up in the FAQ (anonymously.)

A warning about purchased class notes. These may be easier than taking notes yourself, but every semester I get incorrect test answers which can be traced back to store bought notes.

MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES

Tests

Be on time! You may not take the test after any other student who has seen the test has left the room.

Incompletes

Incompletes are assigned only if you cannot complete the course work because of illness or other valid excuse. In order to receive an incomplete we must come to a WRITTEN agreement on what is necessary to remove the incomplete. If you have taken three tests, you have completed the course.
Please read University of Georgia policy on academic honesty, described in *A Culture of Honesty*. I take issues of academic honesty very seriously. If you cheat on the any of the exams, expect to fail the course, or worse.