

## **Syllabus Principles of Astronomy (PHY 3011)-summer 2011**

This is introductory astronomy course focused on the understanding of basic concepts and ideas. In order to accommodate different student backgrounds, mathematics is at the basic algebra level

Textbook:

Bennett, Donahue, Schneider, Voit: "The Cosmic Perspective-Fundamentals" Addison-Wesley 2010, ISBN 978-0-321-56704-8.

### **The textbook material will be covered as follow:**

Week 1: (June 13-June 19) Chapters 1-2

A Modern View of the Universe

Understanding the Sky

Week 2: (June 20-June 26) Chapters 3-4

Changes in Our Perspective

Origin of the Solar System

Week 3: (June 27-July 03) Chapters 5-6

Terrestrial Worlds

The Outer Solar System

Week 4: (July 04-July 10) Chapters 7-8

Planets around Other Stars

The Sun and other Stars

Week 5: (July 11-July 17) Chapters 9-10

Stellar Lives

The Bizarre Stellar Graveyard

Week 6: (July 18-July 24) Chapters 11-12

## Galaxies

### Galaxy Distances and Hubble's Law

Weeks 7 and 8: (July 25-August 05) Chapters 13-15

### The Early Universe

### Dark Matter and Dark Energy

### Life in the Universe

#### **Grading:**

Homework assignments (seven):	40%
Tests (four):	40%
Final exam:	20%

#### **Homework assignments**

Homework 1: June 17.

Homework 2: June 24.

Homework 3: July 01.

Homework 4: July 08.

Homework 5: July 15.

Homework 6: July 22.

Homework 7 July 29

Two 150 minutes attempts will be allowed. Higher score will be taken toward final grade.

#### **Tests:**

The four tests will be assigned:

Test 1: June 24.  
Test 2: July 08.  
Test 3: July 22.  
Test 4: July 29.

**Final Exam: August 05, 2011.**

The tests will have one 120 minutes access.

The final exam will have one access.

If you have missed one test and you are able to give good reason for it, one makeup test may be assign on August 04, 2011. It will be all comprehensive and have one access only.

In order to take this test you must apply for it between July 29 and August 02, 2011 using WebCT e mail, only. Your e mail must contain information about test you have missed, and reason why you have missed. If explanation is not sufficient I may deny the makeup test.

Under any circumstances, the makeup will not be granted for a missing homework.

**Note:**

All dates refer to posting dates. Due dates will be posted by the posting dates. Typically available access times are:

for homework assignments seven days;

for tests four days;

for the final exam one day;

for makeup test one day.

Available access times may slightly vary from values cited. Due dates will be posted at the "INF..." link.

**Final grading:**

A: 86%-100%

B:	70%-85%
C:	60%-69%
D:	50%-59%
F:	below 50%

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