

**Introductory Astronomy and Cosmology, Section 101**  
**Phys 202–101**  
**Fall 2017**  
**Mondays, 06:00 p.m. to 09:05 p.m.      Tiernan Hall, Room 106**

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**Textbook**

Primary on which class is based:  
“Astronomy” by A.Fraknoi, D.Morrison, S.Wolf ...  
Downloadable Open Stax text: <https://openstax.org/details/books/astronomy>

Previous paper textbook: ANY EDITION will work for reading material  
Jeffrey Bennett, Megan Donahue, Nicholas Schneider, and Mark Voit. *The Cosmic Perspective Fundamentals*, Second Edition. Pearson Education, Inc., United States of America, 2015.

**Additional Reading (optional but may be interesting):**

Neil deGrasse Tyson, J. Richard Gott and Michael A. Strauss, *Welcome to the Universe, an Astrophysical Tour*, Princeton University Press (2016)

**Grade**

Your final grade will be based upon class participation (15%), four examinations (15% each), and one Final Examination (30%). The examinations will be administered on the following dates.

First Examination	Monday, September 25, 2017	(15%)
Second Examination	Monday, October 16, 2017	(15%)
Third Examination	Monday, November 13, 2017	(15%)
Fourth Examination	Monday, December 10, 2017	(15%)
Final Examination	Finals Week (Dec. 15-21)	(25%)

There are no make-up examinations without a valid reason. The following table will determine your final grade.

80% to 100%	A
75% to 79%	B+
70% to 74%	B
65% to 69%	C+
50% to 64%	C
40% to 49%	D
0% to 39%	F

The examination grades will not be curved. In-class exams (closed book) will cover material including the week before. The Final Examination will cover the entire course’s material.

Introductory Astronomy and Cosmology (Phys 202) and Introductory Astronomy and Cosmology Laboratory (Phys 202A) are two separate courses. You can be registered for either one of these courses without being registered for the other course.

## Academic Integrity

Any student who is disruptive in the classroom or cheats during an examination, will be in violation of the Academic Honor Code and will be reported to the Dean of Student Services.

## Syllabus (Chapters for reading refer to OpenStax Download text)

Monday	11-Sep	Observing the Sky (Chapters One & Two) Orbits and Gravity (Chapter Three)
Monday	18-Sep	Earth, Moon, and Sky (Chapter Four) Radiation and Spectra (Chapter Five)
Monday	25-Sep	Astronomical Instruments (Chapter Six) First Examination
Monday	2-Oct	Introduction to the Solar System (Chapter Seven) Earth and Other Cratered Worlds (Chapters 8 and 9)
Monday	9-Oct	Venus and Mars (Chapter Ten) Giant Planets, Rings, Moons (Chapters 11 and 12)
Monday	16-Oct	Comets, Asteroids, Samples (Chapters 13 and 14) Second Examination
Monday	23-Oct	The Sun (Chapters 15 and 16) Starlight and Stars (Chapters 17 and 18)
Monday	30-Oct	Distances. Gas & Dust in Space (Chapters 19 and 20) Star & Planet Formation (Chapter Twenty-one)
Monday	6-Nov	Stars' Adolescence to Old Age (Chapter Twenty-two) Death of Stars (Chapter Twenty-three)
Monday	13-Nov	Review of Chapters 15-23 Third Examination
Monday	20-Nov	Black Holes, Curved Spacetime (Chapter 24) The Milky Way Galaxy (Chapter Twenty-five)
Monday	27-Nov	Galaxies (Chapter Twenty-six) QSOs, Black holes, Galaxy Evolution (Chs. 27 & 28)
Monday	4-Dec	The Big Bang (Chapter Twenty-nine) Review of Chapters 24-29
Monday	11-Dec	Fourth Examination Review of Chapters 1-29
Thursday	14-Dec	Reading Day

Final date to be announced ( week of Dec 15-21)

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## Fall 2017 Calendar

September 5	Tuesday	First Day of Class
September 11	Monday	Last Day to Add/Drop a Class
September 18	Monday	Last Day for 90% Refund, Full or Partial Withdrawal – NO refund for partial withdrawal after this date
October 2	Monday	Last Day for 50% Refund, Full Withdrawal
October 23	Monday	Last Day for 25% Refund, Full Withdrawal
November 6	Monday	Last Day to Withdraw
November 21	Tuesday	Thursday Classes Meet
November 22	Wed.	Friday Classes Meet
November 23-26		Thanksgiving Recess (Thursday – Sunday)
December 13	Wed.	Last Day of Classes
December 14	Thursday	Reading Day
December 15-21		Final Exam Period (Friday - Thursday)
December 23	Saturday	Final Grades Due