Physics 181 – Spring Term, 2006-2007

Astronomy

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Course Description:

This course is intended to serve as an introductory course in Astronomy for non-physics majors. We will be keeping the hardcore math to a minimum, that is to say, no calculus but a little arithmetic, algebra and some basic geometry. Our goal is to discuss the methods of Astronomy and much of its history, the structure and evolution of stars and, ultimately, the universe itself.

Some of the topics covered include:


Text:


Grading: You will be graded in four areas:

Homework: 20%
Class Participation: 10%
Midterm Exam: 35%
Final Exam: 35%

Homework assignments are posted on the website and include their respective due dates. Each student is responsible for being aware of due dates and times, scheduled system outages and informing the professor immediately of any technical difficulties.

NO LATE HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Attendance will be taken. The instructor should be notified in advance of any unavoidable absence.