

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS and ASTRONOMY
COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

1. ASTR 207, Introduction to Astronomy – The Solar System

Lecture/Time/Session: L01: TR 12:00 - 14:45 pm, EDC 179, Spring 2015

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D2I course (d2l.ucalgary.ca): ASTR 207 – (Spring 2015) – Intro to Astr – Solar System

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2. PREREQUISITES: None. Not open to students with credit in Astronomy 205, 213 or [Astrophysics 213](#).

3. GRADING: The University policy on grading and related matters is described sections F.1 and F.2 of the online University Calendar. In determining the overall grade in the course the following weights will be used:

Assignments (6)	25%	(on line)
Midterm test (60 minutes)	25%	(Thursday, June 04 during class)
Final Examination (150)	50%	(To be scheduled by the Registrar)

Students who receive a weighted mean mark less than 40% over the Midterm and Final Examination should not expect to receive a course grade higher than “D+”.

Percentage grades will be given for all assignments and examinations. A weighted course percentage will be calculated for each student after the final exam is written. A table of conversion from final course percentage to final course letter grade is printed in the Additional Course Information sheet.

4. Missed Components of Term Work. The regulations of the Faculty of Science pertaining to this matter are found in the Faculty of Science area of the Calendar in section 3.6: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/sc-3-6.html>. It is the student's responsibility to familiarize himself/herself with these regulations. See also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-3.html>.

5. TEXTBOOK: The Cosmic Perspective – The Solar System (6-th or 7-th edition) by J. Bennett, M. Donahue, N. Schneider and M. Voit, **Addison-Wesley**.

6. EXAMINATION POLICY: Examinations are closed book. Calculators must not have wireless communication. Students are encouraged to read the Calendar, Section G, on Examinations: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/g.html>.

7. Grades: All percentage marks that appear on the d2l website will be used to determine each student's overall grade. Overall ASTR 207 percentages will be converted into a final course letter grade using the following thresholds.

90%	A+	75%	B+	60%	C+	47%	D+
85%	A	70%	B	55%	C	45%	D
80%	A-	65%	B-	50%	C-	<45%	F

Department Approval _____

Date _____

8. OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS:

- (a) **ACADEMIC MISCONDUCT** (cheating, plagiarism, or any other form) is a very serious offence that will be dealt with rigorously in all cases. A single offence may lead to disciplinary probation or suspension or expulsion. The Faculty of Science follows a zero tolerance policy regarding dishonesty. Please read the sections of the University Calendar under K. Student Misconduct (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>) to inform yourself of definitions, processes and penalties
- (b) **ASSEMBLY POINTS in case of emergency during class time.** Be sure to **FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF** with the information at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>.
- (c) **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION POLICY.** Students with documentable disabilities are referred to the following links:
Calendar entry on students with disabilities: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/b-1.html>
Disability Resource Centre: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/>
- (d) **SAFEWALK:** Campus Security will escort individuals day or night (<http://www.ucalgary.ca/security/safewalk/>). Call **220-5333** for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phones located at most parking lot pay booths.
- (e) **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PRIVACY:** This course will be conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by placing their name on the front page and their ID number on each subsequent page.** For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.
- (f) **STUDENT UNION INFORMATION:** VP Academic **Phone:** 220-3911 **Email:** [suyaca@ucalgary.ca](mailto:suypaca@ucalgary.ca).
SU Faculty Rep. **Phone:** 220-3913 **Email:** sciencerep@su.ucalgary.ca Website <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/home/contact.html>.
Student Ombudsman: <http://www.su.ucalgary.ca/services/student-services/student-rights.html>
- (i) **INTERNET and ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE Information.** You can assume that in all classes that you attend, **your cell phone should be turned off.** Also, communication with other individuals, via laptop computers, Blackberries or other devices connectable to the Internet is not allowed in class time unless specifically permitted by the instructor. If you violate this policy you may be asked to leave the classroom. Repeated abuse may result in a charge of misconduct.

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