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ASTRONOMY 131-Descriptive Astronomy

Course Description

3 Credit Hour; Prerequisite: None

Designed for general education, consists of a non-mathematical introduction to elements of the astronomical universe. Organized to interest the individual who is without scientific background but who desires to understand the major units of the universe and their interrelation.

Course Objectives-

To provide an exposure to the scientific process through presentation of astronomical concepts; To introduce astronomical concepts; To provide an interesting and enjoyable introduction to astronomy and science.

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ASTRONOMY 131-ONLINE

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND FOLLOW!

Greetings!-Your first task is to procure a copy **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** by Tim Slater. You can go to the HFCC College Store; or order it from them online-you will find a link to doing that at <http://collegestore.hfcc.edu/>

Once you have **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** you have your access codes to begin using the site; www.whfreeman.com/aol

Within **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** you will need to follow the directions to register yourself for use AND to register with me lopresto@henryford.ucompass.com

as your instructor since all your graded materials will be sent to me.

Note-you don't register by emailing me, register by entering my email into **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** as your instructor

ASTRONOMY ONLINE consists of 30 interactive modules.

You will be logging-on to **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** and completing scheduled modules on a weekly basis;

THIS INCLUDES ALL OBSERVATIONS, TUTORIALS AND ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE MODULE AND THE EXAM AT THE END OF THE MODULE.

YOU MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT ALL OBSERVATIONS, TUTORIALS AND ACTIVITIES TO RECEIVE CREDIT FOR THE MODULE EXAM.

IF YOU ONLY SUBMIT THE MODULE EXAMS YOU WILL NOT GET CREDIT FOR THEM

Think of the time spent doing the modules as "going to class" –where you learn the material, but the module exams are what you receive credit for each week.

Usually for every one hour you spend in class up to 2 more hours is necessary to do reading and other assignments, so a three credit class usually requires 3 hours in class and at least 6 out of class. So;

YOU SHOULD EXPECT TO SPEND UP TO TEN (10) HOURS A WEEK ON THIS CLASS, JUST LIKE YOU WOULD IF YOU TOOK IT BY TRADITIONAL MEANS

Note that online classes are NOT for everyone,

keep the following in mind;

- 1-Yes, you have more flexibility,
- 2- but the trade off is that you must work independently

and

3-FOLLOW DIRECTIONS!

ONLINE CLASSES ARE NOT AN EASY WAY OUT!

Those who take ONLINE CLASSES with that idea are usually VERY disappointed!

COURSE SCHEDULE

EVERYONE MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING **ASTRONOMY ONLINE** MODULES BY THE FOLLOWING DATES

(Fridays by 9AM)

| Module # | Fridays | |
|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 | August 31 | |
| 2 | September 7 | |
| 3 | September 14 | |
| 4 | September 21 | |
| 7 | September 28 | |
| 10-15 CHOOSE ONE! | October 5 | Choose another one from modules 10-15 this week for Extra Credit |
| 17 | October 12 | |
| TEST ONE | October 12-16 | Due Tuesday October 16 by 9AM |
| 5 | October 19 | |
| 18 | October 26 | |
| 19 | November 2 | |
| 20 | November 9 | |
| 21 | November 16 | |
| 22 | Wed. Nov. 21* | *Thanksgiving Week |
| 26 | November 30 | |
| 27 | December 7 | Do module 30 this week for Extra Credit |
| TEST TWO | December 7-11 | Due Tuesday, December 11 by 9AM |
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You "Notes" to study for the **TESTS** are the [Nature of the Universe –Lecture Notes](#) found at;

http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/Museum/Space/EducationResource/Universe/framed_e/lecture.htm
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Notes for **TEST ONE**-“[Nature of the Universe](#)” are under FIRST SEMESTER

Notes for **TEST TWO**-“[Nature of the Universe](#)” are under SECOND SEMESTER

Each Module Exam is worth 20 points so $15 \times 20 = 300$

Each Test is worth 100 points so $2 \times 100 = 200$

Grading Scale-(500 points possible):

A 450-500

B 400-449

C 350-399

D 300-349

E <300

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if you have any questions-*HAVE FUN!*

GENERAL ACADEMIC POLICIES

Make-ups- Work submitted after the deadlines will not be accepted.

Drop-policy-Any student may drop a course for any reason on or before the college drop deadline. Generally, the instructor will follow the college drop deadline. After the deadline the instructor may, at his discretion, record a DR grade on a student's grade report. A student who wishes to explore this option must discuss their situation with the instructor.

Academic Dishonesty- This will absolutely not be tolerated under any circumstances. The definitions of and penalties for academic dishonesty are taken from the *College Organization Handbook* (see below).

POLICY ON ACADEMIC DISHONESTY (CHEATING)

Henry Ford Community College considers academic dishonesty to be a serious offense.

It shall be the policy of the College that determination of the fact of academic dishonesty and appropriate action with respect to academic dishonesty by a student shall be a matter of

individual judgment by the instructor. The instructor may administer a penalty up to and including failure in the particular course. It is the professional obligation of the faculty to enforce academic integrity in their courses.

Academic dishonesty is any activity intended to improve a student's grade fraudulently.* It includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- A. Unauthorized acquisition of tests or alteration of grades;
- B. Unauthorized use of notes, books, or other prohibited materials during an examination;
- C. Open cheating during an examination;
- D. Permitting another person to take a test in the student's place or receiving unauthorized assistance with any work for which academic credit is received;
- E. Providing unauthorized assistance with any work for which academic credit is received;
- F. Revision of graded work in an attempt to receive additional credit fraudulently;
- G. Plagiarism or using another person's work without acknowledgment;
- H. Any other conduct intended to obtain academic credit fraudulently or dishonestly.

If an instructor fails a student in a course for academic dishonesty, the instructor will immediately notify, in writing, the division/department head, the student, and the Registrar of the infraction, retaining copies of all notifications. The Registrar will maintain a record of all such violations. If a student fails two classes as a result of academic dishonesty, he or she will be dismissed from the College for two academic years. In addition, a notation of the reason for academic dismissal will be placed on the student's transcript. The notation may be expunged at the discretion of the appropriate Vice President/Dean if a student petitions for its removal after at least a two-year period has elapsed since the disciplinary action.

If a student believes that the accusation of academic dishonesty is false, he or she may appeal through the Student Complaint Policies and Procedures. If the appeal reaches the Student Complaint Board, the Board will only consider whether the charge of academic dishonesty is justified and will not set aside or change the penalty given by the instructor unless the charge of academic dishonesty is set aside.

* Any action that violates the Student Conduct Policy: Due Process Procedure will also be subject to review under that policy.