

Astronomy 202: Stars, Galaxies and the Universe

Syllabus, summer 2008

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Office hours: after class or by appointment.

Textbook: *The Cosmic Perspective 5th edition*: by Bennett, Donahue, Scheider, and Voit
the 4th edition will work also.

Class Web Page: <http://astroweb.astr.cwru.edu/jeffk/202.html>

On the web page will be posted the course schedule, lecture notes, reading and homework assignments

Required Coursework:

Lectures will be interactive with each student expected to participate in the discussions. It is encouraged that the reading assignments be completed before the lectures. In addition there will be daily in-class exercises such as short writing assignments, quizzes, and group projects which will count toward the participation portion of the grade. The lowest two participation grades will be dropped at the end of the term, but otherwise no make-ups will be given due to absence.

There will be two in-class exams and a cumulative final. The exams will consist primarily of essay questions in which the student will be asked to explain the concepts in the text and those gone over in class, no mathematical problems. The student will be allowed to use one 8x11 inch sheet of notes with writing on one side for the exams and both sides for the final.

Grading: 20% class participation
40% 2 in class exams
40% Final

Or you may choose the following:

10% participation
30% weekly homework due Tuesdays
30% 2 in-class exams
30% Final

Exam Schedule

Exam 1 Tuesday June 17

Exam 2 Tuesday July 1

Final Thursday July 24