



Syllabus for Astronomy 11

Course Information

Semester & Year: Fall 2021

Course ID & Section #: Astro 11 (E2038)

Instructor's name: Dr. Jon Pedicino

Day/Time/Location: MW 1:15-2:40 PM, Hum 129

Course units: 3.0

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Catalog Description

An examination of the geologic processes that have shaped the planets and moons of our solar system. This class will specifically look at the formation of the solar system, the history of space exploration, missions to the moon and Mars, and the search for life.

Course Student Learning Outcomes (*from course outline of record*)

1. Critically analyze data, specifically astronomical images.
2. Analyze imagery in the context of evolutionary history, age, ability to support life for a particular set of astronomical objects.
3. Recognize a wide variety of planetary geologic constructs and astronomical objects.
4. Analyze how the scientific method is used to understand natural phenomena.

Grading

50%-Tests (2) 25% each, **25%**- Final (3rd Test, Part Cum), **12.5%**- Project/Paper, **12.5%**- In Class Present
A (>93.3%), **A- (90-93.3%)**, **B+ (86.7-89.9%)**, **B (83.3-86.6%)**, **B- (80-83.2%)**, **C+ (76.7-79.9%)**, **C (70-76.6%)**, **D (55-69.9%)**, **F (<55%)**

Accessibility

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- Eureka: 707-476-4280, student services building, 1st floor
- Del Norte: 707-465-2324, main building near library
- Klamath-Trinity: 530-625-4821 Ext 103

If you are taking online classes DSPS will email approved accommodations for distance education classes to your instructor. In the case of face-to-face instruction, please present your written accommodation request to your instructor at least one week before the needed accommodation so that necessary arrangements can be made. Last minute arrangements or post-test adjustments usually cannot be accommodated.

Astronomy 11 Class Schedule

Monday, August 23, Class begins

Monday, September 6, No Class, Labor Day

Monday, October 11, Test #1

Wednesday, November 17, Test #2

Monday-Friday, November 22-26, No Class, Holiday week

Monday, November 29, Presentations Due

Monday, December 6, Paper due

Monday, December 13, Final Exam, 1:00 PM

Astronomy 11 Topics/Outline

Online open textbook: <https://openstax.org/details/books/astronomy>

Class videos on Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com> , Search Redwoodsastronomy (37 numbered videos)

<u>Week</u>	<u>Openstax Text</u>	<u>Slide Set</u>	<u>Youtube video</u>	<u>Topic</u>
1	1.4, Appendix C/D	---	3, 4	Introduction, Units, Scientific Method
2	---	1		Overview Slides and Space Imagery
3	---	1		Overview Slides and Space Imagery
4	5.1, 5.2	3	16, 17	EM Radiation (Light), Spectrum
5	29.6, 29.3, 29.1-2	2	23, 24	Big Bang
5	7.4, 21.1, 21.3, 14.3	2	25	Solar System Formation
6	14.4, 21.4-.6	2	---	Extrasolar Planets
7	-----			<u>Test #1</u>
8	8.1-8.4	4	27	Planet Earth
9	---	5	---	Space Exploration
10	9.1-9.4	6	28	The Moon
11	10.1, 10.4-.6	7,8	29 (Mars)	Mars
12	-----			<u>Test #2</u>
13				In Class Research Presentations
14				In Class Research Presentations

15	12.1-.3	10	30 (Moons)	Paper Due , Io, Europa, Titan, Enceladus
16	-----			Final

Research Essay/Presentation Requirements

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Topic: As assigned/chosen from the class list of space missions. I would suggest consulting the internet for information. Some good places to start are www.nasa.gov , www.spacedaily.com , www.space.com , www.planetary.org , spaceflight.nasa.gov , and www.spaceweather.com, www.jpl.nasa.gov .

Length: 3-5 typed (double-spaced, standard font, etc.) pages, excluding figures and list of references.

Sources: Minimum Three (3) sources other than encyclopedias and textbook.

Required: Essay, References (citations), Reference List (bibliography).

Essay Due Date: Monday, December 6, 2021.

Late Penalty: Due at class time, one grade lower every two days late.

Presentation Due Date: Monday, November 29, 2021.

***Note:** Presentation must be approximately 8-10 minutes in length and may include visual media such as powerpoint slides.

Note: **Bibliography** should be a list of all sources you have consulted with full information given about each. Normally this includes title, author, publisher, page numbers, year, etc. Internet sites should be listed with their site address (i.e. <http://www.....>). To simplify, you might list each site as site 1, site 2, etc., and then reference them in that way in the text of your paper.

You should directly **reference** any idea, fact, or quotation that is not your own or common knowledge (i.e. ‘the Earth is round’ does not need a reference). You are free to use any reference style you would like (MLA, APA). The simplest style includes the author’s name or title and the page number or the website (site 1, site 2, etc) following the referenced fact, quote, or idea in parentheses.

An example: The meteoritic impact in the Yucatan peninsula is believed to have led to the extinction of the dinosaurs. (Kring, 1993) or (site 1)

