

ASTRONOMY 105 - EXPLORING THE MOON - WINTER 2016

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Text: Will be announced in lecture.

Why?: The motivation for this class is pretty simple. For an astonishingly short period, a long time ago (July 1969 to December 1972) humans walked on another world. *Why did we do this, how did we do this, what did we learn, and why do we want to go back?*

Prerequisites: This class is designed to be an extension to the topics that are covered in Astronomy 150 (and to a much lesser extent, Astronomy 101). Astronomy 150 is not a prerequisite, but it would help. A strong interest in space can certainly make up for the missing Astro 150. There will be a little math in the class (more than in Astro 150), but nothing beyond simple algebra.

Class Mailing List: I will be using the class mailing list during class. Please make sure to monitor your uw.edu email account or set it to forward to an account you read.

W Credit: There is a writing credit component available for this class. For the vast majority of you, this will be irrelevant. If you are interested in receiving W credit for this class, send me an email before Jan 8th.

Class Work: There will be weekly on-line lecture quizzes, weekly homework assignments, four (~ 40 minute) in-class exams, and one short (~ 500 word) paper during the quarter. The dates for the short in-class quizzes are given below (all are on Fridays).

Jan 22 Feb 05 Feb 26 Mar 11

Weekly Homework: A homework assignment will be handed out every Wednesday. The homework will be due the following Wednesday by the end of the class period (10:20 am). Late homework will be graded down 10% for every 30 minutes that it is late.

Weekly Online Quizzes: Every week there will be a required on-line quiz that is based on that week's lectures and readings. The quizzes will be of the short (~ 15 questions) multiple choice variety. The quiz will be available starting on Friday after lecture (10:20 am) and will only be available until the following Tuesday (Noon) . These quizzes are a required part of your grade. Missing a quiz will result in a zero for that quiz, no exceptions (all email excuses will be ignored). There are no make-ups for these on-line quizzes, and no quizzes will be dropped.

WARNING: Be very careful if you save the quiz to submit later, the answers may re-randomize. It is up to you to make sure your submitted answers are what you intended!

Class Grade: The class grade will be based on the in-class quizzes, the weekly on-line quizzes and homework. The distribution of points will be as follows:

Weekly Online Quizzes	30%
Homeworks	30%
In-Class Quizzes	40%

The chart below is a rough guide to the grading scale in this class. Each exam is individually curved, but the curve always looks, more or less, like the chart below.

4.0 - 95%	3.0 - 82%	2.0 - 68%	1.0 - 54%
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There is no extra credit possible in this class. As this is a large introductory survey class, I am required to make all possible points available to all students.



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