

# ASTRONOMY C10 (INTRODUCTION TO GENERAL ASTRONOMY)

Fall 2020

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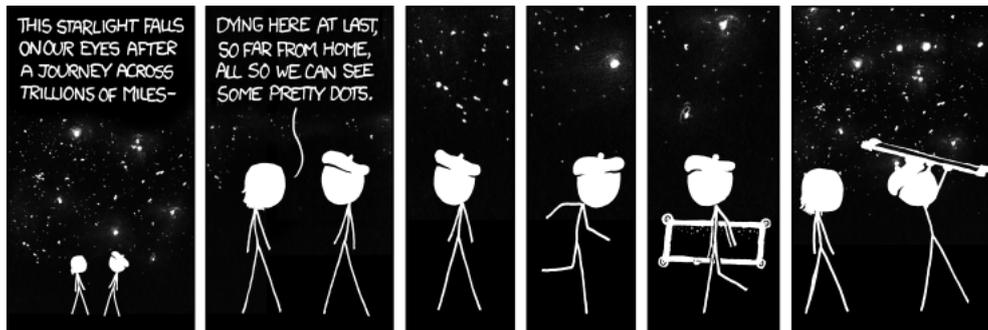
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**Office Hours:** Monday 12PM-1PM

(or appointment) Wednesday 10-11AM

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## Zoom Links and Class Times:

- **Section 102:** Thursday 9-10AM (<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/99382230719>)
- **Section 111:** Thursday 10-11AM (<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/97986332229>)
- **Section 122:** Friday 9-10AM (<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/94870072462>)
- **Section 132:** Friday 10-11AM (<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/91644218656>)
- **Office Hours:** See times above. (<https://berkeley.zoom.us/j/96862300721>)

**What's the point of section?** Your discussion section is a time to clarify ideas from the lecture while exploring new topics in an engaging, interactive way. Feel free to bring any questions you have, and I will do my best to answer them. We'll also have group discussions and activities, worksheets, and videos to complement the lecture content and increase your appreciation for the material. I hope you come away from discussion sections a bit more curious, excited, and knowledgeable about the night sky.

**Attendance and Participation** At the end of the day, the only way to *learn* astronomy is to *do* astronomy, so attendance and participation is required and expected. I *will* be taking attendance, but I also place trust in you all that you will show up ready to learn and engage, particularly given the virtual classroom we are forced into. I would love if you could enable your Zoom video and audio ability (it makes for a much more engaging and dynamic conversation), but I also understand if that is not a possibility.

**Quizzes:** See below for dates. These quizzes will be short-answer format and take about 20 minutes each. More information when will come when the dates approach.

**Office Hours:** See the times above, but feel free to reach out over email or schedule additional office hours with me.

**Additional Resources:** In addition to my office hours and TALC, feel free to email me any questions – I'll do my best to promptly respond! You should also feel free to collaborate with other students, but make sure that everyone working understands each and every step.

**Cheating:** Don't. For more information, see:

<https://astro.berkeley.edu/programs/undergraduate-program/policy-on-academic-misconduct/>.

**Lecture Information and Materials:** Here is some important information from the course syllabus (found on bCourses) related to this class:

- **Lecture:** MWF 3:10-4:00PM via Zoom
- **Textbook:** *The Cosmos: Astronomy in the New Millennium*, 5th edition, J Pasachoff and A Filippenko.
- **Course Reader:** Available on redshelf (<https://copycentral.redshelf.com>).
- **Grades:**
  - Final Exam: 75 Points
  - Two Midterms: 25 Points each
  - Homework: 23 Points
  - Laboratory Exercises: 15 Points
  - Two Quizzes: 7 Points each  
(currently scheduled for weeks of Sept. 21-25 and Oct. 26-30)
  - Attendance/Participation: 3 Points

**A last note:** I'm really excited to be the GSI for your section this upcoming semester, and I understand everyone is in their own unique set of circumstances. If there is anything I can do to make the classroom more accessible or benefit your learning, feel free to reach out.