

Syllabus for Astronomy 101

Sections 502 and 504

Beginning Astronomy

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Text: *The Essential Cosmic Perspective*, 5th edition, by Bennett, Donahue, Schneider, and Voit

Contributions to your grade:

Quizzes, homework, and clicker participation: 25%

Hour exams: 20% each $\times 2 = 40\%$

Final exam: 35%

Notable dates:

Monday, August 31, first day of class

Wednesday, October 7, 1st exam

Friday, November 6, last day for Q-drop

Friday, November 20, 2nd exam

Thursday/Friday, November 26/27, Thanksgiving

Monday, December 7, last day of class

The class website at Texas A&M is:

<http://faculty.physics.tamu.edu/krisciunas/astro101.html>

Online homework is done via:

www.masteringastronomy.com

Section 502 has course ID = MAKRISCIUNAS101502

Section 504 has course ID = MAKRISCIUNAS101504

When you have an access code from the packaging of your textbook, you will use that to obtain a username and password for Mastering Astronomy. The course ID comes from the first two initials for Mastering Astronomy, plus the instructor's last name, plus a 6 digit integer. Do not forget to write down your username and password!

We will be using iclickers in this course. You can get a 10 dollar rebate coupon when you buy your textbook and an iclicker. You can register your iclicker by visiting www.iclicker.com on the web.

Section 502 meets from 10:20 TO 11:10 MWF. Final exam: Tuesday, December 15, 8 AM to 10 AM.

Section 504 meets from 12:40 to 1:30 MWF. Final exam: Monday, December 14, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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