

**General Astronomy I
PH 261 & SCI 315**

Tuesday & Thursday, 10:00 - 11:50
Rm 101 SB2

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Text: 21st Century Astronomy, 2nd ed., Hester et al.

Course Content and Projected Schedule:

(Schedule subject to change at discretion of instructor)

Week 1

1/6: Introduction
1/8: Chapter 1

Week 2

1/13: Chapter 2
1/15: Chapter 3

Week 3

1/20: Chapters 3 & 4
1/22: Chapter 4

Week 4

1/27: Chapter 5
1/29: Review

Week 5

2/3: Mid-term
2/5: Chapter 6

Week 6

2/10: Chapter 14
2/12: Chapter 7

Week 7

2/19: Chapter 8
2/21: Chapter 9

Week 8

2/26: Chapter 10
2/18: Chapter 11

Week 9

3/3: Chapter 12
3/5: Living in Space

Week 10

3/10: Seti
3/12: Review

Week 11

Final exam:
Tuesday, 3/16 10:15 – 12:05

Explanation of Grading Procedure:

All assignments will be posted on Blackboard. All assignments must be handed-in in hard copy form. Assignments turned in 1 class session late will be marked down 10%. Assignments turned in later than 1 class session will receive an 'F' grade (0 – 60 pts). In case of emergency, contact the instructor. In-class work will consist of quizzes and group work.

Mid-term	30%
Final	30%
Homework	20%
In-class work	10%
Attendance	10%