

ASTR 4: Solar System Astronomy	
Instructor	Dr. Taylor Kidd
Office Hours	TTh: 10:45 - 11:20 AM at TBD TTh: 3:00 PM to 3:30 PM at TBD Or by Appointment
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Instruction	Class: TTh 4:00 PM to 6:15 PM
Textbook	The Solar System, by Seeds and Backman ISBN: 978-0133769401
Class website	Under my faculty website , click on class link on the left-hand side under the round campus picture.
Student Learning Outcomes	<p>Upon completion of this course, you will be able to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLO #1: “Evaluate claims about the nature of the physical universe using the scientific method of hypothesis testing.” • SLO #2: “Compare and contrast the histories of solar-system bodies (e.g. moons, planets, asteroids, comets, meteorites) by integrating data from spacecraft and Earth-based observatories.”

Attendance	<p>If you don't show up during the first two weeks of class, you will likely be dropped. Note that this doesn't guarantee you will be dropped. You should explicitly drop the course if you do not wish to attend.</p> <p>Once enrolled, if you wish to drop the course, it is your responsibility to do so before the last day to drop. I will not drop you. Otherwise, an appropriate grade will be assigned at the end of the quarter.</p>
Lecture notes	Copies of the lecture notes will be made available immediately before an exam for review. You are expected to take your own notes.
Quizzes	Occasional quizzes will be given.
Homework	Homework will be assigned throughout the course.
Grammar and spelling	<p>If complete sentences or paragraphs are appropriate in an assignment or exam, you will lose points for incorrect grammar.</p> <p>Points will be always deducted for incorrect spelling except where abbreviated names are appropriate.</p>
Grading	<p>Grading is on a curve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 midterms and one final given (50%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The final will be cumulative (%20) ○ The lowest midterm score will be dropped ○ The remaining are worth %15 each (%30) • Quizzes (20%) • Homework (20%) • Participation & attendance (10%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The final is necessary for a passing grade

Participation & Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation is more important
Changes to this syllabus	Due to unexpected circumstances, this syllabus may need to change. The student will be notified of this change during lecture. If the student is not present in the lecture where such an announcement is made, it is the student's responsibility to ensure that he stays informed of such notifications. I will also do my best to keep this document up to date with such changes.