AST 2010: Descriptive Astronomy  
Section 903, CRN 11847  
Oakland Center, 525 OAK

Lecture: Tuesday and Thursday, 6-8 pm

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Office Hours: Any time from 11am to 4pm, MWF. Please email ahead or talk to me before/after class to confirm!  
If you don't already, get used to checking your WSU email regularly (every couple of days at least). Email is the best way to contact me – I do not have an office phone and going via the Physics Department office may not yield good results. I've found the WSU email system to be occasionally slow at delivering emails, so don't wait until the last minute to send me a message. When in doubt, err on the side of communication.

Textbook:  

This textbook is optional. It will present topics differently than in lecture, and may be helpful, but all information you are responsible for will be part of lecture. Should you purchase a book, a used copy may save you money.

Announcements:  
Be sure you know how to access your WSU email, and that it is not full. If you need help with this, you can go to http://www.computing.wayne.edu or call the WSU C&IT Help Desk at 313-577-4778. We may eventually use Blackboard for this class; if so, you will receive more information on this later.

Laboratory:  
The Descriptive Astronomy Laboratory, AST 2011, may be required for your program. Please consult the Undergraduate Bulletin or an academic advisor for your course requirements. AST 2011 is offered as an entirely separate class, with a different instructor and meeting times, and independent grading and assignments.

Mid-term Exams:  
Thursday, Oct. 15  First mid-term exam  
Tuesday, Nov. 24  Second mid-term exam  
The Units covered by each exam will be announced in advance. Do not plan on missing one and making it up after. Only in extenuating and unavoidable circumstances will a make up exam be allowed. You have the dates, so make plans accordingly.
Final Exam:
Thursday, December 17, same time as lecture, unless otherwise notified. It will be cumulative. Do not plan on missing the Final and making it up after. Only in very extenuating and unavoidable circumstances will a make up Final Exam be allowed.

Quizzes:
On Thursdays, starting the second week of class, there will be a short weekly quiz covering topics from previous weeks. These quizzes may be on paper, or may be online via Blackboard.

Grading:
Quizzes: 15%
Each of two mid-term exams: 25%
Final exam: 35%

An expected final grade scale is:
A  85% and above
B  70% to 84%
C  55% to 69%
D  40% to 54%
F  Less than 40%

Plus/minus modifiers may fall in these ranges.

Students with Disabilities:
If you have a physical or mental impairment that may interfere with your ability to successfully complete the requirements for this course, please contact Education Accessibility Services in Room 583 of the Student Center Bldg. (Main Campus) to discuss appropriate accommodations on a confidential basis. Educational Accessibility Services can be reached by telephone at 313-577-1851.

Academic Honesty:
All students are expected to understand the WSU Student Code of Conduct, especially regarding Academic Honesty. The full document can be found online at http://www.doso.wayne.edu/codeofconduct.pdf