Astronomy 161 Lab Syllabus

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Description

This labs purpose is to accompany the lectures in Astronomy 161 and will demonstrate applications of the processes learned during the lecture period and your personal studies. This lab will be utilizing the UT Astronomy Lab manual, by Dr. K. Duckett. This section will complete one lab per week, at the end of which you will turn in the corresponding completed lab data sheet. Most lab periods will begin with a short quiz to test your understanding of the previous weeks material and occasionally your knowledge of the material to be covered in the current lab. QUIZZES CANNOT BE MADE UP IF MISSED.

Grading

Your lab grade will be determined using the following method:

Lab Data Sheets: 50%
Quiz Average: 25%
Final Exam: 25%

Attendance

The University of Tennessee Department of Astronomy requires and upholds a strict attendance policy, thus attendance in lab sessions is mandatory. Students are expected to be on time for lab sessions and to hand in the lab data sheets following the lab exercises. If a lab is missed or a lab report not turned in, you will receive an incomplete for the course. ATTENDANCE ALONE WILL NOT COUNT. YOU MUST TURN IN A REPORT. This is the department policy and will be followed throughout this course.

At the beginning of each lab, during quiz time, I will check attendance. Along with a strict attendance policy the department also upholds a strict set of rules regarding tardiness. Excessive tardiness to lab periods will result in a deduction of points from the lab report for that day. PLEASE MAKE IT A HABIT TO PRACTICE GOOD ATTENDANCE. Good attendance allows everything to run more smoothly throughout the semester and also increases the likelihood of receiving an excellent grade in the course.