

ASTR 101-0109/0110 Lab/Discussion Syllabus (updated on Feb 11)

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Note: This website is for Sections 0109 & 0110 only.

Meeting time: (Spring 2021)

Discussions: Wed 2:00-2:50 pm

Labs: Thu 6:00-8:00 pm (0109) or Thu 3:30-5:30 pm (0110)

Office Hours: Mondays 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Note: If none of the above Office Hours times work for you, please feel free to go to another TA's office hours (see the course syllabus) or email me to set up an appointment.

Zoom Links:

- Discussion:
<https://umd.zoom.us/j/93673119105?pwd=a0xxSHV2TzdzaEtLZ2pXMkZKUkRjUT09>
- Lab:
<https://umd.zoom.us/j/98520211989?pwd=NWp5QjNaWU05ZEwvT1VNSUptTjRFZz09>
- Office Hours:
<https://umd.zoom.us/j/98428018585?pwd=cFpre2lxVkFjUThPUmpZNmpSc0hGdz09>

Policies:

- Discussions: Discussions will be conducted in groups of four. Please make sure all of your group members are working on the same page on the assignment. Lecture Tutorial activities will not be graded. The discussion is graded based on your participation (70%) and accuracy on the discussion quizzes (30%). I will post answer keys on my website shortly after the discussion ends.
- Labs: Labs will be conducted in groups of two where the group members share the lab data and results but answer the questions in their own words.

The Lab quizzes will be graded separately. The labs will be graded based on the accuracy of your answers to the lab quizzes.

- **Missing discussion/lab sections** (copied from the course syllabus). We will automatically drop the 2 lowest grades in Discussion and in Lab Section work. This is a generous allowance and it means you only need to document/ask for permission for absences beyond that number. Your first absences will be automatically charged to your allowance. Absences beyond the standard allowance should be documented to both me and your TA.
- Please make sure to reference any outside sources you use. This includes textbooks (title, section title, and page number) and the internet (an url is acceptable).
- Be prepared for class. Bring all required materials to discussion and lab. This includes bringing your Lecture Tutorials book to every discussion.
- **Be on time!** We discuss important aspects of the labs and discussions at the beginning of each session. If you are late, you will miss these.
- Showing up on all the labs and discussions is an essential part of the course's requirement. We will be taking attendance.
- Email us about any *excused* absences in advance if possible. We will work something out for you to make up for missed work. We are much more willing/able to help if you email us before the lab/discussion.

Academic Integrity:

See class syllabus for details.

You are free to cooperate with other students on assignments. However, make sure what you hand in is your own work in your own words. We are obligated to report any form of cheating and plagiarism to professor Veilleux and the school, so please do not force us to do so.

Rules:

1. If you have a question, ask it! Our job is to answer any questions you have no matter how big or how small. Chances are other students will have the same question.
2. If we don't know the answer, we will let you know or look it up for you. You are paying a lot of money to be here so you deserve to have your questions answered.

