



ASTR 1050

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Participation

- Poll everywhere questions
- Graded on participation
- Answering a large portion of in-class questions will earn full credit for participation
- Make your name clear so you can receive credit
- 10 % of your final grade

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Poll question

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Homework



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- Assigned weekly (generally) through WyoCourse
- 10 assignments
- Multiple choice and some calculation questions
- 30 % of your final grade

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Exams

- 3 exams throughout the semester.
 - Exam 1: Friday, 3 October
 - Exam 2: Friday, 31 October
 - Exam 3: Friday, 5 December
- Telescope nights for extra credit (announced later)
- 15 % of your final grade each, 45 % total

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Labs



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- 9 labs in the semester
- Reinforce what we are learning in lecture
- See schedule on syllabus
- 15 % of your final grade

Announcements



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- No lab this week
- No homework this week

Next time

- A tour of the universe, from the Earth all the way to galaxies