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Lecture: TT 8:00 a.m. to 9:20 a.m., Science room 007

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Other times by appointment  
Science room 46

Text: Universe, sixth edition, Kaufmann  
Coverage: Chapters 1 through 17

Lab: You must be concurrently enrolled in the ASTR 1100 lab course. Note: these are separate courses! Your lab grade will not affect your lecture grade, and vice versa.

Hello and welcome to Solar System Astronomy! This course is called “Planetary Astronomy,” but I want to warn you that we will be doing more than just making a tour of the planets. There are four goals to be accomplished by this course:

1. To know some astronomy basics (like what is the solstice, equinox, ecliptic…)
2. To understand the history of astronomy
3. To understand the basic physics of astronomy
4. To tour the planets

Class information will be posted on my web site: [www.phys.ttu.edu/~sholtz](http://www.phys.ttu.edu/~sholtz)

Your Grade: There will be three in-class exams and a final exam. The two highest scores of your in-class exams each count 30% of your grade. **Note: there will be no make-up exams for missed in-class exams. Please come talk to me a week prior to the exam date if you know in advance that you are going to miss an exam!** There will be a comprehensive final that will count 40% of your grade. Occasionally you will have the opportunity to earn extra-credit by doing a variety of in-class activities.

**Tentative** In-class Exam Dates: Feb 13th, March 13th, April 24th

Final Exam: May 9th 4:30 to 7:00 pm (place to be announced)

Grading Scale: 90 to 100 = A, 80 to 89.9 = B, 70 to 79.9 = C, 60 to 69.9 = D, Below 59.9 = F

Please exercise common classroom courtesy by not visiting with your neighbor or reading the newspaper while we are having class. If you do these activities in class, you will be asked to leave. Here is hoping you find astronomy a pleasant experience.

Any student who, because of a disabling condition, may require some special arrangements to meet the course requirements should contact the instructor as soon as possible so that necessary accommodations can be made. Proper documentation must be presented from the Dean of Students’ office.