Astronomy 10 - 105
Wednesday 4-5pm
264 Evans

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Contacting Me

The preferred way to contact me is through email (since I can check it anytime from anywhere, not just when I'm in my office). With that said, I will try my best to respond to in a timely manner.

Cheating

Just don't do it. I promise you'll get caught and then bad, bad things will happen. The official policy is at <http://astron.berkeley.edu/cheating.html>.

TALC

The Astronomy Learning Center (TALC) is a large, collaborative "office hour" where you can work on homework in an informal, group setting. TALC is staffed by two GSIs who serve as guides, rather than tutors, in helping groups with your homework problems. We will have TALC Mondays 6:30-8:30pm and Tuesdays 5-7pm, both in 264 Evans. It is very useful and a great place to work on the homework. Before coming to your first TALC please read the Rules of TALC, <http://astron.berkeley.edu/talc/rules.pdf>.

Classroom Atmosphere

It'll definitely be relaxed and relatively informal in my section, but let's make sure to keep it civil and respectful in here. I dont expect this to be an issue, but you never know. So let's just all be nice to each other and act like the young adults that we are. "Can't we all just get along?"

DisabilityRelated Accommodations

If you need disabilityrelated accommodations in this class, if you have emergency medical information you want to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please inform me and Prof. Bloom immediately (you can see me privately after class, in my office, or email me).

Other Administrativetype Questions?

When in doubt, **REFER TO THE CLASS WEBSITE ON BSPACE** (login in at <http://bspace.berkeley.edu/>). If you still have a question/comment/complaint after checking the website then feel free to email me. Also, **please check that you are available on the dates of the midterms and final** *as soon as possible*.

Goals

I want you to become familiar with the basic concepts currently used in both theoretical and observational astronomical research as well as part of the history of the subject that led us to today's understanding. I also want you to be able to logically explain many of the everyday experiences that are due to astronomical phenomena. Finally, I want you to **have fun** and to gain some of the same appreciation and love for astronomy that I've had since I was a kid.

"It's been said that Astronomy is a humbling, and I might add, a character building experience." –Carl Sagan, American astronomer (1934-1996)