

Astronomy 110: Colorado Night Sky III
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Red Rocks Community College

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I don't have summer office hours but if you need to see me send an email and we'll set something up. If you need to contact me outside of office hours, *email is the best option*. I check email every day, including weekends. I check voice mail only occasionally over the summer.

Recommended Textbook: Patterns in the Sky: An Introduction to Stargazing by Ken Hewitt-White

Drop and Withdrawal Dates:

It is the responsibility of the student to complete all required registration/withdrawal requirements, including the purchase of books. Specific dates, requirements, and information are available at the Red Rocks Community College web site: www.rrcc.edu. Not withdrawing within the proper time limit will cause the student to receive a letter grade based upon his/her current standing in the class at the end of the course session. The drop and withdraw dates can be found in the registration system online.

Student & Instructor Expectations:

Students should be prepared to question, learn and complete assignments in a timely and professional manner. Students are expected to be courteous and respectful to the instructor and fellow students in all written or verbal communications. In return the instructor will work to provide a respect filled environment in which every student can learn. The instructor will also give students timely and professional feedback (including graded assignments) and assistance in their learning.

Cell phones should be silenced or turned off during class, and texting during class is unacceptable.

Disability Accommodations:

RRCC will provide accommodations for qualified students with disabilities. To request an accommodation, contact the Office of Special Services - Director, Jacquie Stanton - at your earliest convenience. The Office of Special Services located in the Learning and Resource Center (LARC) in Room 1185. You may contact Jacquie at 303.914.6731 V/TDD or email jacquelyn.stanton@rrcc.edu

Policies:

Tutoring: Please do not allow yourself to fall behind in this course. Contact information is available to speak with the instructor and if you are earning a grade of C or below, tutoring is available. You are also encouraged to form a study group. If your group has a regular meeting time, Student Life will provide a meeting place, snacks, and in some cases, a tutor.

Incomplete Grades: The issuing of an incomplete grade requires the submission of a detailed description of the circumstance beyond the student's control that leads to an inability to complete the required coursework, the completion of a minimum of 75% of the semester's coursework, and a grade of C or above earned on the completed coursework.

Course Structure:

This course will be graded based on labs, quizzes and the project.

You may not submit work by email. I receive as many as 2 or 3 dozen emails a day, and it's just too hard to keep track of homework submitted this way. **It will not be accepted.** All assignments should be turned in during class time. If for some reason this is not possible, you may bring the assignment to my office or drop it by Instructional Services to be placed in my campus mail box.

Labs: There are two labs, worth 50 points each. One of these must be done outside of class. You are welcome to work with a partner to complete the labs, but please be sure each person turns in their own, unique work.

Quizzes: There will be a quiz at each class, covering the material discussed in that class. Each quiz is worth 50 points. They are open-note quizzes which should be easy as long as you don't miss class.

Observing Time: The only way to truly become adept at studying the night sky is to spend time outdoors making observations. A significant amount of time will be spent in this class on observations. Each observing session will include a brief written assignment. This will be a significant part of your grade. On the last night of class, we'll go up to Genesee Park after the project presentations for viewing and photography – this is also required.

Project: There will be a project, worth 100 points, due on the last night of class. Details of this will be provided separately.

Grading:

Points in this class will be awarded as follows:

Labs	2 labs @ 50 points each	100 points
Quizzes	2 quizzes @ 50 points each	100 points
Observing Time	3 nights @ 50 points each	150 points
Project	1 project worth 100 points	100 points
Total:		450 points

4.0 = A = 314 - 350 points	(Distinguished)
3.0 = B = 279 - 313 points	(Above Average)
2.0 = C = 244 - 278 points	(Competent)
1.0 = D = 209 - 243 points	(Below Average)
0.0 = F = Less than 209 points	(Failing)

Note: Students are encouraged to work together, but each student must contribute to the effort and prepare their own write-ups. **Please refer to the student handbook regarding plagiarism and other matters of academic discipline.** Plagiarism (especially from the World Wide Web) will not be tolerated and will result at minimum in an F grade for the assignment. Please be aware that your instructor has read the textbook, and if you copy your answers from it, you will not receive points for your work. Students who are found to have cheated on a will also receive a zero for that quiz and may face further disciplinary action.

In addition to the policies listed in this syllabus, all policies in the student handbook apply.