

25 August 2008

Dear 87:010 Student,

Welcome to "Astronomy." Please notice some special features of our room: the locations of two exits (in case we have to leave it a little more rapidly than usual for any reason!), the removable seats for wheelchairs, the row of left-handed seats--to be used if you're left-handed as I am, or to be avoided if you're not.

I've never gotten a good feel for what the acoustics are like in Latham 125. For this reason, and in consideration of others around you, I'd appreciate you keeping as quiet as possible during the lecture so that my voice can reach everybody. If you have a question during the class, please ask me instead of whispering to a neighbor. I admit that I'm easily distracted and that I have good ears!

Just as I'll interrupt you if I can hear you, please let me know if you can't hear me. I'm more than happy to repeat myself, and telling me now is much more useful than telling me later.

I've been asked to remind you that no food or drink is permitted LAT 125, in order to preserve the furnishings. If you're chewing something, that's fine--just so that it stays in your mouth!

Please don't rest your feet on the back of the seat in front of you. If you do, a nice man has to come in at night to clean off footprints. I'm sure he'd rather spend the time with his family.

You'll notice that there is comparatively little you will be directed ("forced") to do in this course. However, those who prepare for evaluation (exams, etc.) by merely doing that which is required, are almost certain to do poorly. "Ain't adulthood great?" ☺

My office is just down the hall. Stop by sometime to say "hi." Meanwhile, I hope you enjoy starting out 2008-2009 with "Astronomy."

FALL 2008 AT A GLANCE: **Bold** print refers to *Astronomy: Guidebook: University of Northern Iowa*--your white, bound "master guide" to the course. (It accompanies your textbook.) Use the three-letter code to look up text reading pages.

M August	25	INT (e. g., page 27)
W August	27	HIS http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/early.rm
F August	29	KEP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/copernicus.rm
M September	1	SKY http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/starrysky.rm
W September	3	SEA http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/seasons.rm
F September	5	ASP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/lunar_aspects.rm
M September	8	TBA
W September	10	TBA
F September	12	TBA
M September	15	TBA
W September	17	TBA
F September	19	TBA
M September	22	ECS http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/eclipse.rm
W September	24	"Etc." (See page 6)
F September	26	Exam I (See page 8)
M September	29	LGT http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/light.rm
W October	1	TEL http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/telescope.rm
F October	3	OVR http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/intro_solar_system.rm
M October	6	SIZ+ http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/luna_the_moon.rm
W October	8	M&M http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_planet_venus.rm
F October	10	E&V http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_earth.rm
M October	13	MAR http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/ThePlanetMars.rm
W October	15	OID http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Oids_Impacts.rm
F October	17	"Etc."
M October	20	EXAM II
W October	22	JUP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/planet_jupiter.rm
F October	24	OUT http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/OuterSolarSystem.rm
M October	27	ICY http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/icy_satellites.rm
W October	29	PLU http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/pluto.rm
F October	31	COM http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Comets.rm
M November	3	SPC
W November	5	SUN http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/thesun.rm
F November	7	DIS+
M November	10	STA http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/stars.rm
W November	12	"Etc."
F November	14	EXAM III
M November	17	HRD+
W November	19	LIV http://
F November	21	DIE
M November	24	[Holiday - no class]
W November	26	[Holiday - no class]
F November	28	[Holiday - no class]
M December	1	WAY
W December	3	GAL
F December	5	CML
M December	8	CMG
W December	10	"Etc."
F December	12	Exam IV
Finals Week		See Outline and Fall 2008 "Schedule of Classes." At this time you may wish to calculate your own grade, even before they are mailed out. Do so by following the instructions in your Syllabus; <i>don't</i> simply add up the arbitrary number of "points."

<p>Does your lab manual have YOUR section number/color on it?</p>
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P. S.: URLs above also are "clickable" as links from WWW.Earth.UNI.EDU/tah, My (not-related-to-astronomy) Blog is <http://weblogs.uni.edu/hockey/>, and I'm on Facebook at <http://uni.facebook.com/profile.php?id=38211670>