

24 August 2009

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 2009-2010 with "Astronomy."

FALL 2009 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	24	INT (e. g., page 27)
W August	26	HIS http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/early.rm
F August	28	KEP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/copernicus.rm
M August	31	SKY http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/starrysky.rm
W September	2	ECT+
F September	4	Planetarium, Sec. 1 (See Course Outline)
M September	7	[Holiday - no class]
W September	9	SEA http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/seasons.rm
F September	11	Planetarium, Sec. 2 (See Course Outline)
M September	14	ASP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/lunar_aspects.rm
W September	16	ECS http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/eclipse.rm
F September	18	Planetarium, Sec. 3 (See Course Outline)
M September	21	"Etc." (See page 6)
W September	23	Exam I (See page 8)
F September	25	LGT http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/light.rm
M September	28	TEL http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/telescope.rm
W September	30	OVR http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/intro_solar_system.rm
F October	2	SIZ+ http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/luna_the_moon.rm
M October	5	M&M http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_planet_venus.rm
W October	7	E&V http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/the_earth.rm
F October	9	MAR http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/ThePlanetMars.rm
M October	12	OID http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Oids_Impacts.rm
W October	14	"Etc."
F October	16	EXAM II
M October	19	JUP http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/planet_jupiter.rm
W October	21	OUT http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/OuterSolarSystem.rm
F October	23	ICY http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/icy_satellites.rm
M October	26	PLU http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/pluto.rm
W October	28	COM http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/Comets.rm
F October	30	SPC
M November	2	SUN http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/thesun.rm
W November	4	SOL (See page 12)
F November	6	DIS+
M November	9	STA http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/stars.rm
W November	11	"Etc."
F November	13	EXAM III
M November	16	HRD+
W November	18	LIV http://mml.uni.edu:8080/ramgen/1/thockeyrm/livesofstars.rm
F November	20	DIE
M November	23	[Holiday - no class]
W November	25	[Holiday - no class]
F November	27	[Holiday - no class]
M November	30	WAY
W December	2	GAL
F November	4	CML
M December	7	CMG
W December	9	"Etc."
F December	11	Exam IV
Finals Week		See Outline and Fall 2009 "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; don't simply add up the arbitrary number of "points."

Does your lab manual have YOUR section number/color on it?

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>