AST 200 Syllabus

Spring 2013

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Meeting Time/Place: W 5:30-6:25, ESS 450

Overview: Astronomical Research at SB is a one credit seminar course which provides an opportunity for freshman and sophomores interested in astronomy to interact with Astronomy faculty at the University. This course begins with a general introduction to astronomy and research, followed by a series of discussions with faculty members about their present research. Such a format provides a natural starting point for students to consider the pursuit of faculty-sponsored research early in their undergraduate career.

Students should take notes of the discussion. After each class, the students will write a brief (1-2 paragraph) summary of the discussion or part of the discussion, to be handed in the following week. Summaries must be typed, no handwritten summaries accepted. They must be handed in or emailed by the beginning of class. Grades will be based on this summary; no late responses will be accepted (you can email them before the class meeting time if necessary).

Jan 30 Orientation
Feb 6 Jin Koda
Feb 13 Mike Zingale
Feb 20 Jim Lattimer
Feb 27 Neelima Sehgal
Mar 6 Stan Metchev (1:00 PM)
Mar 13 Doug Swesty
Mar 20 Spring Break, no class
Mar 27 Ari Heinze
Apr 3 Alexander Van Engelen
Apr 10 Alan Calder
Apr 17 Ken Lanzetta
Apr 24 Jim Lattimer
May 1 Fred Walter

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Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person’s work as your own is always wrong. Faculty are required to report any suspected instances of academic dishonesty to the Academic Judiciary. Faculty in the Health Sciences Center (School of Health Technology & Management, Nursing, Social Welfare, Dental Medicine) and School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty, please refer to the academic judiciary website at http://www.stonybrook.edu/uaa/academicjudiciary/

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