

AST 200 Syllabus

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Meeting Time/Place: F 3:30-4:25, 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, to be handed in the following week. Grades will be based on this summary; no late responses will be accepted (you can email them before the class meeting time if necessary).

The full schedule will be determined once speakers are signed up.

Feb 1 Orientation
Feb 8 Overview of Astronomy
Feb 15
Feb 22 cancelled
Feb 29 cancelled
Mar 7 Doug Swesty
Mar 14 Mike Zingale
Mar 28 Alan Calder
Apr 4
Apr 11 Mike Simon
Apr 18
Apr 25
May 2
May 9

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