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**Astro 100 MW**  
Daytime Mon & Wed  
**The Solar System**

IUPUI Physics Department

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#### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Description:** An introductory survey of the Sun and planets in our solar system. (Plus other interesting information about spacetime.)

**Text:** *THE COSMIC PERSPECTIVE, The Solar System* by Bennett, *et. al.*, Pearson Publishing (any recent edition). This text is quite extensive and in many cases provides too much detail for our level. In the end, you are responsible for knowing and understanding my lectures notes. You should use the text to supplement the lecture notes (*i.e.*, “fill in the details”) – the exams and quizzes are based on the lecture notes.

**Web:** <http://woodahl.physics.iupui.edu/Astro100MW/> Mark this web-site in your browser. At the web site you will find: Syllabus (which you are reading now) in PDF, Master Schedule in PDF, and announcements. NOTE: We (The Physics Department) do not use *Canvas* for the astronomy courses.

**Contact:** You should use your official “name@iupui.edu” email when contacting me. All others may be rejected by the UITS junk email filters. Also do not use *Canvas* to contact me, if you do I will not be able to respond.

**Lecture:** Meet from 12:00 - 1:15 on M and W in IT 160. During the lectures I will cover, in detail the important concepts. The tests and quizzes are based on the lecture material. I urge you to collaborate with a classmate in sharing notes if one of you misses a lecture. **NOTE: Under no circumstances will copies of the lecture notes be provided to students** – attend class, if you cannot do this on a regular basis, then please drop the course.

**Quizzes:** Quizzes given once a week, will be over all material since the previous quiz (or test). The lowest quiz score will be dropped. This allows for one free missed quiz for sickness, dead car battery, work, family matters, having a baby, etc. There are no makeups on any quizzes **under any circumstances**. Format for the quizzes is four multiple choice questions (with four possible answers). Keep your quizzes for exam review.

**Exams:** There will be two exams of one-hour length and a two-hour final (Exam III) as listed in the schedule. There are no makeups on any exams! The exam study guides are your notes (take careful and neat notes). I will try to produce the study guide, one week in advance. Do not miss an exam – you will receive a zero for that exam (there are no exceptions). Furthermore, no exams will be given early – if you have a an outside unmitigated conflict with an exam date/time, drop the course now. Format for the exams is generally seventy-five ( $\pm 25$ ) multiple choice questions (with four possible answers). During the exams, it is essential to use a high quality, soft, dark pencil (No. 2 or HB) for the op-scan sheets. **Failure to use a pencil (or HB) during the exams results in a zero.** Exam scores (and quiz scores) will be posted on the webpage (not Canvas) approximately one week after each exam.

**Withdrawal:** If it is necessary for you to drop this course, please do so officially, filling out all the necessary paperwork. Otherwise per University policy you will receive an F on your transcript.

**Telescopes:** The department has several telescopes for student use which may be borrowed for a few weeks at a time. Check with me for details.

**Weighting:** The final letter grade will be determined from your cumulative point total based on the following weights:

Quizzes	200
Hour Exam I	200
Hour Exam II	200
Final Exam	200

**Grades:** The following are the *guaranteed* cuts for the letter grades based upon the 800 point total. In most cases the cuts will be lower than that advertised below:

A–	$\geq 710$
B–	$\geq 620$
C–	$\geq 520$

**Special Note:** People, do not let this syllabus scare you. Come to class, take (neat) notes, review your notes on a regular basis, supplement your knowledge by reading the text (this will help you fill-in the details) and you will do fine in this course. This course is fun and not too difficult. If all this seems confusing to you, please come talk with me.