UC Berkeley Summer Sessions
Student Orientation Guide
EPS W12/ ASTRO W12
Department of Earth and Planetary Science, Department of Astronomy
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Summer Session Online Tutorials
The following are helpful Canvas tutorials to prepare you for your online class:
- [Introduction to Your Online Classroom](#)
- [Setting Up Your Notification Preferences](#)
- [Update Your Personal Setting and Profile Picture](#)
- [How to Use Announcements, Discussions and Conversations to Communicate in Your Course](#)
- [How to Check Your Grade](#)

Expected Student Workload
The estimated workload for this course is **6-12 hours per week**. In order to be successful in the course, you need to allocate at least this much time per week.

Preparing for Your Course

Textbooks/Course Materials
- The Cosmic Perspective: The Solar System, 7/E. Jeffrey O. Bennett, et al. ISBN-9780321931498. Before ordering the textbook, review the attached documents explains various options to purchase the textbook and access to MasteringAstronomy. Only **a new textbook will include a valid access code to MasteringAstronomy.**
- MasteringAstronomy package: 75% of the homework will be completed online using this package. This is a separate from our online classroom and you need access to this resource to pass this class.

Computer Requirements
- Internet
  - Along with compatibility and web standards, Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
  - Minimum of 3 Mbps download speed is recommended.
- Operating System
  - Windows 7 and newer (users on Windows 10 need to download the [Windows 10 Anniversary Update](#) to submit Canvas assignments
  - Mac OSX 10.6 and newer
  - Linux – chromeOS
- Computer Speed and Processor
  - Use a computer five years old or newer when possible
  - 1 GB of RAM
  - 2GHz processor

- Screen Size
  - A minimum of 800x600 – (Average size of a netbook)
- If you want to use a device with a smaller screen it is recommended to use the Canvas mobile app.
- Screen Readers (only needed for students who are blind, visually impaired or have a learning disability)
  - Macintosh: VoiceOver (latest version for Safari)
  - PC: JAWS (latest version for Internet Explorer)
  - PC: NVDA (latest version for Firefox)
  - There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

Course Log-on
- Classroom – bcourses.berkeley.edu
  - You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
  - If you don't already have your CalNet ID contact CalNet directly
    - calnet@berkeley.edu or 510-642-4126
- Personalize your settings (only takes a minute)
  - Click "Account" on the global navigation menu on the left
  - Customize your settings (click on "notifications") and add your profile picture (click on profile)
- Setting up your notification preferences (you can choose to receive course communication through a personal email account or mobile device)
  - We recommend setting your preference for receiving Announcements to ASAP (via text or email) in case we need to contact you on short notice
- Tech Support
  - In your course, click on the "Help" button on the bottom left of the global navigation menu

Access to Your Course
- You will be able to access the Orientation Module, as well as Module 1, one week prior to the start date
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge

PLEASE NOTE: You will NOT be able to launch Module 1 until you read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge.

Learning Activities
- Read the assigned textbook pages
- Watch the multimedia lecture presentations
- Post short essays to the discussion forums
- Engaging into discussion with your GSI's and professor
- Complete quizzes

Students with Disabilities
If you are requiring course accommodations due to a physical, emotional, or learning disability contact the UC Berkeley's Disabled Students' Program (DSP).

1. Have your Disabled Student Program Specialist send the instructor a formal request **BEFORE** the first day of class by email
2. In addition, notify the instructor through course email and your Online Learning Support Specialist, which accommodations you would like to use.
   a. Online Learning Support Specialist
      i. Tracie Allen, email: twgallen@berkeley.edu

Final Exam

- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **August 9, 2017 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. PT** at TBD for those who are in Berkeley.
- If you cannot attend on-campus you must secure a proctor at an approved proctoring site. Find out how to do this by reviewing the Steps to Secure a Proctor for Your Course. Fill out the Summer Session Proctor Application. The application must be submitted by **July 14, 2017** or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final.