Expected Student Workload
The estimated workload for this course is **8-12 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, 8/E. Jeffrey O. Bennett, et al. ISBN-9780134564418. 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
  - Canvas has been carefully crafted to accommodate low bandwidth environments
  - Still a minimum of 1 Mbit/second 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
- Mobile Operating System Native App Support
  - iOS 7 and newer (versions vary by device)
  - Android 4.2 and newer
- Computer Speed and Processor
  - Use a computer not more than five years
    - 1 GB of RAM
    - 2 GHz 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)
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)
- 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 one week prior to the start date
- Read and accept the UC Berkeley Academic Integrity Pledge
- Module 1 will open on the first day of class

**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.
- Complete weekly homework assignments

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
      1. Tracie Allen, email: summer_online_support@berkeley.edu
Final Exam

• Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on August 8, 2018 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 Proctor Application Three. The application must be submitted by July 13, 2018 or you will be expected to be back on campus for the final

Have Questions?
Email summer_online_support@berkeley.edu