

# 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](https://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](mailto: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: [summer\\_online\\_support@berkeley.edu](mailto:summer_online_support@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.

#### Have Questions?

Email [summer\\_online\\_support@berkeley.edu](mailto:summer_online_support@berkeley.edu).