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.

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
  - Minimum of 512kbps
- Operating System
  - Windows 7 and newer
  - 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 five years old or newer when possible
  - 1 GB of RAM
  - 2 GHz processor
- Screen Size
  - A minimum of 800x600 – (size of an older 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)
o PC: **JAWS** (latest version for Internet Explorer)
o PC: **NVDA** (latest version for Firefox)
o There is NO screen reader support for Canvas in Chrome

**Course Log-on**
- Classroom – [bcourses.berkeley.edu](http://bcourses.berkeley.edu)
  o You will need to authenticate and login with your CalNet ID and passphrase
  o 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)
  o 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**
  o 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)**.
- Notify the instructor and GSI through course email and inform them which accommodations you would like to use.

**Final Exam**
- Your final exam will be available in an on-campus setting on **August 14, 2019 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**. The application must
be submitted by **July 12, 2019** 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)