Welcome to Astronomy 12, The Planets, taught by Prof. Burkhard Militzer. There will be two GSIs facilitating the course, Daniella Rempe and Marisa Palucis, and I am the online course coordinator, Tim Wohltmann. Please prepare for class by doing the following:

1. **Purchase Textbook & Homework Package**
   - MasteringAstronomy package: 75% of the homework will be completed online using this package that accompanies your textbook. You need access to this resource to pass this class and this is *separate from the online classroom.* Please see the attached document for full instructions on how to purchase the package.

2. **Ensure your Computer meets Requirements**
   - Windows XP or Mac OS X capabilities
   - Mozilla Firefox (3.x or higher) or Internet Explorer (7.x or higher); please note Safari and Chrome are not supported browsers
   - Highspeed internet is required (1 Mbit/sec or faster)
   - 24/7 Tech Support: **1-866-786-8197**

3. **Log in to your Course**
   - Classroom Access – [http://summer.berkeley.edu/courses/online-courses](http://summer.berkeley.edu/courses/online-courses)
   - Summer Sessions students need to authenticate with a CalNet ID (follow the link and the instructions on the homepage.)

4. **Complete UC Berkeley Summer Sessions Student Orientation before day 1 of class**
   - **Overview:** The orientation course is designed to help familiarize you with the tools and features that you will need to complete ASTRON W12. Activities included in the orientation will assist you in developing a comfort level for working within the online environment so that you are better equipped to focus on learning rather than on the technology.
   - After logging in to your online classroom, you should see that you are enrolled in two courses: (1) the orientation course; and (2) the ASTRON W12 course. You will have access to both courses throughout the summer term.
5. Start Your Course

- To begin your course, go to the “modules” tab and select the “START HERE” folder.
- You must read and agree to the terms outlined in the Academic Integrity document in order to access your course materials.

6. Course Learning Activities

- Read the assigned textbook pages.
- Watch and listen to the PowerPoint lecture presentations.
- Read classroom announcements posted during the course.
- Compose and post assigned responses to lectures and readings.
- Complete midterm exam online on Tuesday July 10th, 2012 (available only during 24 hour time window).
- Complete Final Exam
- Complete homework using MasteringAstronomy package.

7. Who should you contact for support?:

Please see the “Who should you contact…” document for detailed instructions.

8. Final Exam Information

- Your final exam will be held on-campus on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 from 6-8 pm, in the 2050 Valley Life Sciences Building (see map).

- If you cannot attend on-campus you must secure a proctor at an approved proctoring site. For information on how to go about this, watch the final exam tutorial provided on the Summer Sessions website.

- NOTE: If you are not taking your final on campus on August 8th, you must have your proctoring site secured by July 18, 2012. Please email the contact information for your chosen proctor to Tim Wohltmann by July 18th.