Textbook and Online Homework for W12 “The Planets”

Dear Students,

“The Planets” course will be using the following textbook in combination with an online homework system called MasteringAstronomy:

**Cosmic Perspective, The: The Solar System, 8th Edition**  
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Please note in the following table of contents we are using an abridged version rather than the entire “Cosmic Perspective”:

1. A Modern View of the Universe  
2. Discovering the Universe For Yourself  
3. The Science of Astronomy  
4. Making Sense of the Universe: Understanding Motion, Energy, and Gravity  
5. Light and Matter: Reading Messages from the Cosmos  
6. Telescopes: Portals of Discovery  
7. Our Planetary System  
8. Formation of the Solar System  
9. Planetary Geology: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds  
10. Planetary Atmospheres: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds  
11. Jovian Planet Systems  
14. Our Star  
15. Life in the Universe

75% of the homework will be online with the MasteringAstronomy system that accompanies your textbook.
You need to gain access to the MasteringAstronomy system to pass this course. Here are three ways:

1. Students who purchase a **new** book in the Cal Student Store will receive an access code for the MasteringAstronomy system with the book. (Be aware that, if you buy a “new” book online from a third party, you may end up with a new book but without the valid access code. This has happened in the past unfortunately.)

2. Students who rent the book from the Cal Student Store for $47 or buy a used book from a friend, from the bookstore or online (the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th editions are all still ok) without an access code need to purchase access to MasteringAstronomy separately at MasteringAstronomy for $60.50. They will need the Course ID and a valid credit card. Be sure to purchase access to the 8th edition.

3. Students who wish to purchase an eBook with their Mastering access can also do so at MasteringAstronomy. Again, they will need your Course ID and a valid credit card.

**What You Need:**

1. **A valid email address:** Please enter only your Calmail address
2. **A student access code** (Comes in the Student Access Kit that may have been packaged with your new textbook or is available separately in your school’s bookstore. Otherwise, you can purchase access online at MasteringAstronomy.)
3. **The ZIP code for your school:** 94720
4. **Our Course ID:** PLANETSSUMMER2019

**Register:**

1. Go to MasteringAstronomy and click New Students under Register
2. To register using the Student Access Code inside the MasteringAstronomy Student Access Kit, select

**Yes, I have an access code. Click Continue.**

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To **Purchase access online:** Select No, I need to purchase access online now. Select your textbook and whether you want to include access to the eBook (if available), and click Continue. Follow the on-screen instructions to purchase access using a credit card. The purchase path includes registration, but the process may differ slightly from the steps printed here.

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Log In

1. Go to MasteringAstronomy
2. Enter your Login Name and Password and click Log In.

Enroll in Your Instructor’s Course and/or Access the Self-Study Area

Upon first login, you’ll be prompted to do one or more of the following:

1. Enter our MasteringAstronomy Course ID: PLANETSSUMMER2019
2. Select your text, if available, and Go to Study Area for access to self-study material.
3. Enter a Student ID

Click Save and OK.

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