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 Modified Mastering Astronomy:

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Current retail price: Between $95.99 and 106.66 from myPEARSONstore

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 Modified Mastering Astronomy system that accompanies your textbook.

You need to gain access to the Modified Mastering Astronomy 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 Modified Mastering Astronomy 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, 7th and 8th editions are all still ok!) without an access code need to purchase access to Modified Mastering Astronomy separately for $60.50. Purchase 9780135208113.

3. It should also be possible to purchase an eBook rather than a hardcopy of our textbook. But we do not have instructions for this option yet.

**Student Registration Instruction to gain access to Modified Mastering Astronomy via bCourses:**

1. Sign into our course on bCourses and click on the “MyLab and Mastering” link in the tab on the left.

2. Gain access to your Pearson course contents by your Pearson account **username** and **password** to **Link Accounts**. You have an account if you have ever used a MyLab or Mastering product. If you do not have a Pearson account, select Create and follow the instructions.

3. Select an access option:

   o Enter the access code that came with your textbook or that you purchased separately from the bookstore.

   o If available for your course

      i. Buy access using a credit card or PayPal.

      ii. Get temporary access.

If you're taking another semester of a course, you skip this step.

4. From the **You’re Done page**, select **Go to My Courses**.

   Note: We recommend you always enter your Mastering Astronomy course through bCourses.

5. For the best experience, check the system requirements for your course at

   [https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/system-requirements/](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com/system-requirements/)

**Need help or Support:**

For help with Mastering Astronomy for Canvas (bCourses), go to [https://help.pearsoncmg.com/integration/cg/canvas/student/en/content/get_started.htm](https://help.pearsoncmg.com/integration/cg/canvas/student/en/content/get_started.htm)

Alternatively follow the **Student Support** link on the very bottom of [https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com](https://www.pearsonmylabandmastering.com)