Required Textbook: Discovering the Universe, 7th Ed., Neil F. Comins, William J. Kaufmann III, e-book available. The i-clicker packaged with the text is also REQUIRED.

Class style: This is a lecture course, with some variation. I will not read to you from your textbook, and I expect you to read every chapter covered by the course.

Attendance: I will not check attendance, but I will make every effort to make lecture meaningful and helpful. Participation in daily concept quizzes are part of your grade.

Reading: The schedule lists each chapter of the text that will be covered in each class. Chapters should be read by that date. Online quizzes are part of your grade.

Homework: Some homework will be assigned as part of your grade.


Exams: There will be 3 exams during the semester, as shown on the schedule. The average of the exams will count as 60% of your final grade. No exam grades are dropped.

Final Exam: The Final Exam is a comprehensive exam covering all chapters listed on your syllabus. It represents 30% of your final grade.

Extra Credit: There are no opportunities for extra credit in this course. Don’t ask.

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Missed Exam: There will be no make-up for missed exams. If you miss an exam, the missing exam grade MAY be assigned the same grade as the final exam grade. I will NOT replace your lowest exam grade with the final exam. This provision is only for those who must miss a scheduled exam and requires a phone call or email notification,
plus a doctor’s note or other evidence of a verifiable excuse. Otherwise, the missed exam will be a 0. If you miss a second exam, it will be a 0 either way.

**If you require an accommodation based on a disability, I would like to meet with you, in the privacy of my office, during the first week of the semester to make sure you are properly accommodated.**

**Students with Disabilities:** The University of Texas at Arlington is on record as being committed to both the spirit and letter of federal equal opportunity legislation; reference Public Law 93112 – The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended. With the passage of new federal legislation entitled Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), pursuant to section 504 of The Rehabilitation Act, there is renewed focus on providing this population with the same opportunities enjoyed by all citizens.

As a faculty member, I am required by law to provide “reasonable accommodation” to students with disabilities, so as not to discriminate on the basis of that disability. Student responsibility rests with informing faculty at the beginning of the semester and in providing authorized documentation through designated administrative channels.

**Academic Dishonesty:** It is the philosophy of The University of Texas at Arlington that academic dishonesty is a completely unacceptable mode of conduct and will not be tolerated in any form. All persons involved in academic dishonesty will be disciplined in accordance with University regulations and procedures. Discipline may include suspension or expulsion from the University.

“Scholastic dishonesty includes but is not limited to cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.” (Regents Rules and Regulations, Part One, Chapter VI, Section 3, Subsection 3.2, Subdivision 3.22)

**DON’T CHEAT!!!!**