

ASTRONOMY 310

The Solar System

Textbook :

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The Cosmic Perspective: The Solar System **7th edition** by Bennett et al.

The textbook purchase includes access to the www.masteringastronomy.com web site containing animations, tutorials, quizzes, and other supplementary material. The first time you log into the web site you will need the Access Code that came on the receipt you purchased at the UBC bookstore. You should register via the web interface to create a Mastering Astronomy account, and then enroll in the electronic course:

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See instructions on the course web site about setting up access; FOLLOW THEM CAREFULLY! DON'T SIGN UP WITHOUT THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS!

Most assignments will be done on-line in this system, due BEFORE the lecture on the corresponding material. There will also be a few written homeworks that will be due in class; details on that will follow. You will initially see *two* quizzes for the course. The first (called "Introduction to Mastering Astronomy") you should work through as soon as possible (by Friday Sep. 5th at the latest) to make sure your browser works well with the Mastering Astronomy site, especially the "Intro to Numeric Answers" section). Quiz 2 is due Sunday Sept. 7 at 6:00 PM, Quiz 3 is due Monday Sept. 8 at 6:00 AM (that's right, AM!) the morning before lecture.

ASTRO 310 tutorial :

- Will be held **every other week** in room 312 Hennings (Physics and Astronomy building), and last 50 minutes. The first tutorial is on the week of Sept 15th; starting the following week, tutorials occur *every other* week, and thus the 6 tutorials are during the weeks of :

Sep 15

Sep 22

Oct 6

Oct 20

Nov 3

Nov 17

You **MUST** be enrolled in a tutorial, and you may *only attend the tutorial in which you are enrolled*. There is no material you need purchase for the tutorial; all the tutorial handouts will be given you during the session. All work for the tutorial is finished during the tutorial, and your results are handed in before leaving. You may not take the tutorial away in order to hand it in later. You receive credit for your answers on the correctly-completed tutorial. Your tutorial activities will be reviewed and returned before the next one.

If you have a medical problem which prevents reaching a tutorial, you must contact *your TA* before your originally-scheduled time.

Other items:

- **REQUIRED** : A scientific calculator capable of taking powers (that is, a y^x button). You must have your own (you may not share in exams).

