

Course Information Astronomy 102, Fall 2005

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- Text: Kip S. Thorne, *Black holes and time warps* (1994).
See reading list for other recommended textbooks that are useful references.
- PRS: PRS transmitters are required to be able to participate in the Q&A during lectures. These transmitters can be rented from the bookstore.
- Course Homepage: <http://teacher.pas.rochester.edu/Ast102/Ast102HomePage.htm>
- Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays: 2.00 pm - 3.15 pm (Hutch 141)
- Recitations: Tuesdays: 3.25 pm - 4.40 pm (B&L 269)
Wednesdays: 3.25 pm - 4.40 pm (B&L 315)
Thursdays: 4.50 pm - 6.05 pm (B&L 270)
Thursdays: 6.15 pm - 7.30 pm (B&L 269)
Electronic signup for recitations will be available on Monday September 5. Recitations will start on Tuesday September 13.
- Office Hours: Wolfs:
Starting September 7, 2005, on Wednesdays between 11 am and 1 pm (B&L 203A), and by appointment.
- Teaching Assistants:
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- Homework: Homework will be assigned each Friday. The homework is due the following Friday at 8.30 am. All homework assignments are distributed electronically, using WebWork.
- Final Grade: The final grade will be the weighted average of:
1. Midterm exams and final exam (25% each, 75% total)
2. Homework (25%)
Note 1: Class participation may improve your final grade.
Note 2: Grades will not be curved.

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Midterm exams: Tuesday, October 11, 2.00 pm - 3.15 pm (Hutch 141)
Thursday, November 17, 2.00 pm - 3.15 pm (Hutch 141)

Final exam: Tuesday, December 20, 4.00 pm - 7.00 pm (Hutch 141)

Note: You may use *only* a writing instrument and a calculator while taking the exams. You may *not* consult any computers, books, notes – neither on paper nor stored in a calculator – nor each other. Important equations, numbers and conversion factors, used in the problems, are attached to the exams, in the form of the **Useful Equations sheet** and the **How Big Is That sheet**.