Astronomy 103 Spring 2010 Instructor: Dr. Don Summers 915-7032 Lewis 101 TTh 1:00-1:50 Office Hours: Lewis 221 TThF 4-5 Text: Cosmic Perspective, Bennett et al., 5th Edition Lab Section: 1,2 Wed 7-8:50, 9-10:50 Lewis Hall David Sedorook Lab Section: 3,4 Thu 7-8:50, 9-10:50 Kennon Obs Viktor Klymko http://www.phy.olemiss.edu/~kakukk/Astro/Lab/Lab.html Chapter Date Subjects Reading (before class) 21 Jan Introduction, Cosmic address, light year 1 26 Jan Stars, Constellations, Long/Lat., Seasons, Precession 2 28 Jan Lunar phases, eclipses, retrograde motion, parallax 2 2 Feb Earth Size, Kepler's Laws, Venus' Phases, Jupiter's Moons 3 4 Feb Time, Calendar, RA, Dec., Star Tracks, Long., Lat. S1 9 Feb Energy, Temperature, Matter Phases, atoms, energy levels 4 11 Feb Motion, orbits, Newton's & Kepler's Laws 4 16 Feb Gravity, Escape Velocity, Weight and Mass, Tides 4 18 Feb FIRST HOUR EXAM 23 Feb Light waves, spectra, thermal radiation, doppler shift 5 25 Feb Telescopes: Optical, Radio, and X Ray; Diffraction Limit 6 2 Mar Solar System Tour and Formation, Radioactive Dating 7.8 4 Mar Terrestrial Planets, tectonics, volcanoes, magnetism 9 9 Mar Planet Earth: S-waves, P-waves, Continental Drift 9 10 11 Mar Terrestrial Atmospheres, O2, CO2, Ozone 23 Mar Greenhouse effect, Ozone, Escape Velocity 10 25 Mar SECOND HOUR EXAM 30 Mar Solar System Epic Adventure, Voyager Spaceflight 11 1 Apr Interiors/Atmospheres: Jupiter, Saturn 11 6 Apr Interiors/Atmospheres: Uranus, Neptune 11 Rings & Moons: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune 8 Apr 11 13 Apr Rock and Ice: Asteroids and Comets 12 15 Apr Pluto and Charon, Kuiper Belt, Meteors, Meteor Showers 12 20 Apr Planets around stars beyond the sun 13 22 Apr THIRD HOUR EXAM 14 27 Apr Sunspots, Solar Magnetism, Flares, Energy Transport 29 Apr Why does the sun shine? Nuclear fusion, neutrinos 14 4 May COMPREHENSIVE FINAL EXAM 4:00 pm Tuesday (not earlier) 1-14 25% You must do at least 75% of the labs to pass. Grading Lab Scheme Pop Quizzes 15% It helps to read the chapter before class. 12% You will need a scientific pocket calculator. 1st Exam 2nd Exam 12% The Texas Instruments TI-30Xa is a good choice. 12% Bring a picture ID to tests. 3rd Exam FINAL EXAM 24% Plan on the final exam on 4 May, not earlier. The 1st lab will be on Wednesday night, 27 January Come on the night and time that you have signed up for. Labs are a required part of the course. Reasonable accommodations to students with disabilities will be provided.

Bring a scientific calculator lab. Adding exponents (11+11=22).

 $10^{11}\times 10^{11} = 10^{\,22}$

stars/galaxy x galaxies = stars in the universe

Learning Objectives: To learn how planets, the sun, and other wonders of the solar system work and to find out how astronomers made these discoveries and to do some of the actual experiments.