

## AST 200 Astronomical Research at Stony Brook

**Meeting times:** Wednesday 6:05-7:00PM, Psychology A 144

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**Office hours:** None scheduled. You are welcome to stop by my office, or setup a Zoom, at any time to discuss the class, with or without an appointment.

**Overview:** Astronomical Research at Stony Brook is a one credit seminar course which provides an opportunity for students interested in astronomy to interact with Astronomy faculty at the University. This course begins with a general introduction to astronomy and research, followed by a series of discussions with faculty members about their present research. Such a format provides a natural starting point for students to consider the pursuit of faculty-sponsored research early in their undergraduate career.

Assessment for this class is based on attendance and participation. You should take notes of the presentation and any discussions. After each class, you will write a brief (2-3 paragraph) summary of the presentation and discussion. These must be submitted to Blackboard by the following Tuesday at midnight. I will open assignment links on Blackboard each week where you should upload your summaries.

Your **two lowest scores for write-ups** will be dropped. If you need to miss additional sessions, for example due to the need to isolate / quarantine, those missing scores will also be dropped.

### **Student Accessibility Support Center Statement**

If you have a physical, psychological, medical or learning disability that may impact your course work, please contact Student Accessibility Support Center, ECC (Educational Communications Center) Building, Room 128, (631)632-6748. They will determine with you what accommodations, if any, are necessary and appropriate. All information and documentation is confidential.

Students who require assistance during emergency evacuation are encouraged to discuss their needs with their professors and Student Accessibility Support Center. For procedures and information go to the following website:

<http://www.stonybrook.edu/ehs/fire/disabilities>.

### **Academic Integrity Statement**

Each student must pursue his or her academic goals honestly and be personally accountable for all submitted work. Representing another person's work as your own is always wrong. Faculty is required to report any suspected instances of academic dishonesty to the Academic Judiciary. Faculty in the Health Sciences Center (School of Health Technology & Management, Nursing, Social Welfare, Dental Medicine) and School of Medicine are required to follow their school-specific procedures. For more comprehensive information on academic integrity, including categories of academic dishonesty please refer to the academic judiciary website at:

[http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/academic\\_integrity/index.html](http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/academic_integrity/index.html)

## **Critical Incident Management**

Critical Incident Management: Stony Brook University expects students to respect the rights, privileges, and property of other people. Faculty are required to report to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards any disruptive behavior that interrupts their ability to teach, compromises the safety of the learning environment, or inhibits students' ability to learn. Until/unless the [latest COVID guidance](#) is explicitly amended by SBU, during Spring 2022 "disruptive behavior" will include refusal to wear a mask during classes.

For the latest COVID guidance, please refer to:

<https://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/strongertogether/latest.php>