

Master Syllabus

AST 1117 - Lab for the Solar System

Division: Science, Mathematics and Engineering

Department: Astronomy

Credit Hour Total: 1.0

Lab Hrs: 3.0

Date Revised: June 2014

Course Description:

Laboratory and field activities to supplement The Solar System. Three lab hours per week.

General Education Outcomes:

- Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Competency

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Minor Bodies of Solar System

Analyze the surface features and physical properties of minor bodies in the solar system.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Physical Property & Orbital Motion of Planets

Describe the physical property and orbital motion of planets using qualitative observations and quantitative measurements of the heavenly bodies.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Celestial & Local Coordinates

Determine and locate objects using celestial and local coordinates.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Measuring Size of Earth

Determine the circumference of Earth using latitude and longitude measurements for various locations.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Universal Law of Gravity

Determine the force of gravity between objects in the solar system. Explain tidal force with force of gravity.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Spectroscopy

Identify unknown elements using spectroscopy.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
Performance Criteria: 60% of items correct.

Motion of Observable Objects in Our Sky

Describe the motion of observable objects in our sky.

Assessment Method: Locally developed exams
Performance Criteria: 60% of exam items correct.

Assessment Method: Performance appraisals
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Outline:

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The Size of Earth
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