Course Description  One semester hour, two hours lab per week including night viewing sessions by arrangement. Computation of lecture and laboratory grades into one grade; same grade recorded for both lecture and laboratory. Corequisite: AST 105502. Lab fee required.

Materials  The online version of the lab manual is only available at the Barnes and Noble bookstore in the student center. The manual include the exercises and supplements.

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Each entry in underlined blue in the table above is a hyperlink. Click on the title to jump to that feature. There are 12 labs plus one night lab at the SFA Observatory. The due dates of the labs are listed in column two. The lab report forms are in the column labeled.
**Report Form.** These files are WORD documents and you should copy them into your word processor. Fill in your answers, and send a copy to the appropriate DropBox in D2L. **Page** is the page number in the lab manual. **Lab Prep Videos** have been prepared and are linked in the next column. Please look at these before attempting a lab. The **Power Point** slides used in the lab prep videos are linked separately in the next column. The last column contains **notes** on each of the labs and should be read after the lab prep video is viewed.

The following lab contain the core curriculum assessments. The instructor will advise you as to which assessment is due this semester. The **Measurements Lab** (Lab 2) will allow students to demonstrate their mastery of their **empirical and quantitative skills**. This lab is an introduction to scientific notation, significant figures, unit conversion, and errors of measurement.

In addition to the lab schedule, we require each student to attend one night exercise at the SFA Observatory.

**OUTDOOR NIGHT LAB CALENDAR**

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| - Students are required to attend one night.  
- Use the night lab sign-up page to select a night you want.  
- If you are so far from Nacogdoches that visiting the Observatory is impractical, please contact me for an alternate assignment.  
- The night lab (or alternate exercise) is a required component of AST 105 and will not be dropped.  
- On your assigned night, meet at the temporary commuter’s bus stop (located behind the Science Building) a few minutes before the scheduled time. A bus will provide transportation to and from the SFA Observatory. The bus will leave promptly at the scheduled time - don’t be late!  
- The night lab will be cancelled if it is raining or the sky is completely overcast. We try to notify about inclement weather on the night lab sign-up page.  
- Observatory night lab exercises generally require three hours to complete. This is the time from leaving to arriving back on campus. |
SUPPLIES FOR NIGHT LAB
Each student MUST bring the following supplies to the night lab session.
1. Pencil and eraser
2. Clipboard or other hard writing surface
3. Clear ruler with centimeter scale
4. Laboratory Manual
5. Star Chart (print pages 1-3 at the Chart link here)
6. Calculator

Program Learning Outcomes
The student will demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of the basic and applied fields of physics.

Core Curriculum Objectives
This course has been selected to be part of Stephen F. Austin State University’s core curriculum. The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has identified six objectives for all core courses: Critical Thinking Skills, Communication Skills, Empirical and Quantitative Skills, Teamwork, Personal Responsibility, and Social Responsibility. SFA is committed to the improvement of its general education core curriculum by regular assessment of student performance on these six objectives.

Assessment of these objectives at SFA will be based on student work from all core curriculum courses. This student work will be collected in D2L through LiveText, the assessment management system selected by SFA to collect student work for core assessment. LiveText accounts will be provided to all students enrolled in core courses through the university technology fee. You will be required to register your LiveText account, and you will be notified how to register your account through your SFA e-mail account. If you forward your SFA e-mail to another account and do not receive an e-mail concerning LiveText registration, please be sure to check your junk mail folder and your spam filter for these e-mails. If you have questions about LiveText call Ext. 1267 or e-mail SFALiveText@sfasu.edu.

The chart below indicates the core objectives addressed by this course, the assignment(s) that will be used to assess the objectives in this course and uploaded to LiveText this semester, and the date the assignment(s) should be uploaded to LiveText. Not every assignment will be collected for assessment every semester. Your instructor will notify you which assignment(s) must be submitted for assessment in LiveText this semester.

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<th>Definition</th>
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<td>Empirical and Quantitative Skills (CO 3)</td>
<td>To include the manipulation and analysis of numerical data or observable facts resulting in informed conclusions.</td>
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Student Learning Outcomes

The overall objectives of this course are that the learner will:

- Recognize that the universe can be described by a few natural laws.
- Describe the characteristics of objects within the solar system including the sun, planets, moons, asteroids, and comets.
- Demonstrate a basic familiarity with stellar life cycles, galaxies, and extragalactic objects.
- Demonstrate skills developed in critical thinking, communication (written and visual), empirical and quantitative analysis, and teamwork.

LAB POLICIES

1. You may submit your lab by turning to the appropriate dropbox in the D2L lab course or FAXing (936-468-4448). Be aware that faxing can produce poor results.
2. Due dates are more than merely suggestions. Labs are due by midnight of the day listed. A point deduction of 5% per day will be assessed late work.
3. The two lowest grades are dropped, but I advise that you not automatically skip two labs. Emergencies do happen!
4. You are responsible for missed lab material on the lab exam.

ASTRONOMY 105 COURSE GRADING POLICY

- Astronomy 105 (Lecture) and Astronomy 105L (Lab) are averaged into one grade and THE SAME GRADE WILL BE RECORDED FOR BOTH LECTURE AND LABORATORY. The FINAL COURSE GRADE is explained in your lecture syllabus.
- There are 13 grades that will be used to determine a lab average (12 regular labs and the night lab). The two lowest regular lab grades will be dropped, leaving 11 graded exercises. The night lab is a required lab and will not be dropped. The Measurements lab and Lunar Phases lab represent the core curriculum assessment. These two are also required and will not be dropped. In addition half of the grade for these two labs will come from the core assessment sections. These sections are clearly labeled in the lab manual. The lab exercises will count 75% and the Lab Exam 25% of the FINAL LAB AVERAGE. The FINAL LAB AVERAGE will be computed as follows:

  Exercise Average = ((Sum of labs 1-12) – (two low grades from 1, 3, 5-12) + night lab)/11
  FINAL LAB AVERAGE = (Exercise Average X 0.75) + (Lab Exam X 0.25)

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Academic integrity is a responsibility of all university faculty and students. Faculty members promote academic integrity in multiple ways including instruction on the components of academic honesty, as well as abiding by university policy on penalties for cheating and plagiarism.

Definition of Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty includes both cheating and plagiarism. Cheating includes but is not limited to (1) using or attempting to use unauthorized materials to aid in achieving a better grade on a component of a class; (2) the falsification or invention of any information, including citations, on an assigned exercise; and/or (3) helping or attempting to help another in an act of cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is presenting the words or ideas of another person as if they were your own. Examples of plagiarism are (1) submitting an assignment as if it were one’s
own work when, in fact, it is at least partly the work of another; (2) submitting a work that has been purchased or otherwise obtained from an Internet source or another source; and (3) incorporating the words or ideas of an author into one’s paper without giving the author due credit.
Please read the complete policy at http://www.sfasu.edu/policies/academic_integrity.asp

WITHHELD GRADES POLICY
Ordinarily, at the discretion of the instructor of record and with the approval of the academic chair/director, a grade of WH will be assigned only if the student cannot complete the course work because of unavoidable circumstances. Students must complete the work within one calendar year from the end of the semester in which they receive a WH, or the grade automatically becomes an F. If students register for the same course in future terms the WH will automatically become an F and will be counted as a repeated course for the purpose of computing the grade point average.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
To obtain disability related accommodations, alternate formats and/or auxiliary aids, students with disabilities must contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), Human Services Building, and Room 325, 468-3004 / 468-1004 (TDD) as early as possible in the semester. Once verified, ODS will notify the course instructor and outline the accommodation and/or auxiliary aids to be provided. Failure to request services in a timely manner may delay your accommodations. For additional information, go to http://www.sfasu.edu/disabilityservices/.