

**SYLLABUS: ASTRONOMY 4010, SPRING 2002  
ASTRONOMICAL METHODS LABORATORY**

**Timings: Wednesdays: 3:00–6:00 PM**

**Room: NSC 222 (probable, may be moved)**

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**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

This course is designed to give junior and senior students some exposure to the many types of instruments and approaches used by astronomers and astrophysicists.

The lectures, labs, and demonstrations will be conducted by all of the astronomy faculty. While this division of labor may be somewhat disconcerting for some students, in this way they are exposed to people with substantial expertise in each of the topics covered.

While this is nominally a lab course, many of these topics require instrumentation not available at Georgia State University; so in most cases the presentations will be lectures. Also note that a few afternoon meetings may be converted into evening or night observing sessions requiring traveling to Hard Labor Creek Observatory to learn how specific telescopes and detectors are used.

**Students are expected to abide by the Policy on Academic Honesty in the University Catalog.**

**GRADING:** Grades will be based on attendance (15%), and assigned laboratory projects and problem sets (85%). You can expect one assignment or project from each of your instructors; they will typically be due at the next class meeting.

Incompletes are authorized by the coordinating instructor for students

Table 1: **Class Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Instructor</b>
Jan. 9	Telescope Design and Performance	Wingert
Jan. 16	Spherical Astronomy	Gies
Jan. 23	Stellar Spectroscopy	Gies
Jan. 30	Hard Labor Creek Observatory	Bagnuolo
Feb. 6	The Multi-Telescope Telescope	Bagnuolo
Feb. 13	CCD Array Photometry	Miller
Feb. 20	Ultraviolet Spectroscopy	Crenshaw
Feb. 27	Analysis of Hubble Space Telescope Spectra	Crenshaw
Mar. 6	NO CLASS, SPRING BREAK	
Mar. 11	No class, but this is the last day to withdraw and possibly receive a grade of W.	
Mar. 13	Computational Astrophysics	Fryxell
Mar. 20	Ground Based Astrometry	Henry
Mar. 27	Space Based Astrometry	Henry
Apr. 3	Radio Telescopes	Wiita
Apr. 10	Radio Astronomy	Wiita
Apr. 17	Infrared Detectors	Perera
Apr. 24	Optical Interferometry and the CHARA Telescope Array	McAlister

who for non-academic reasons are unable to complete the course. You must communicate your reasons to Dr. Wiita; an unexplained disappearance will yield the grade of WF or F.

Of course, **modifications to the above schedule may be necessary.** This is particularly true given the large number of of very active instructors involved in this course; some of them may need to leave town on observing trips or to meetings that have not yet been scheduled. In such a case the order of topics will have to be changed.