

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PERIOD \_\_\_\_\_



**COURSE DISCLOSURE  
ASTRONOMY  
MR. WOOD**

**INTRODUCTION**

This is a one semester “supplemental” science course that will earn 0.5 credits which counts towards the 3 science credits needed to meet current Utah High School graduation requirements. Remember, 2 of the science credits must come from “foundation” level courses. This is not a foundation level course as defined by the Utah State Office of Education. There is a \$10 science lab fee for this class (as per school board policy), please pay at finance office and turn in a copy of receipt to your science teacher.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** (1 semester elective science credit)

This will be an introductory level course exploring the basics of astronomy. Topics to be studied will include: the methods and historical development of astronomy, the composition of our solar system, theories of solar system formation, the celestial sphere, constellations, life cycle of stars, structure and dynamics of the universe, our sun, Earth and moon, time, tides, eclipses, planets, our galaxy and beyond. Reference materials include the course textbook “Discovering the Universe” Comins and Kaufmann, “Starry Night” software, web based research, current science articles and student notes.

**GRADES:** Your grades will be based on a percentage of the total points possible. Points will be earned through tests, quizzes, labs, and other assigned activities. The grading scale is as follows:

A = 93-100%	B = 83-86%	C = 70-74%	D = 55-59%
A- = 90-92%	B- = 80-82%	C- = 65-69%	D- = 50-54%
B+ = 87-89%	C+ = 75-79%	D+ = 60-64%	F = 0-49%

**CLASS REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Completion of class activities and assignments.
2. Maintain a record of the daily outline, notes, work, etc...
3. Hand in work **on time.**
4. Observe classroom rules:
  - a. Follow instructions
  - b. Come to class prepared (textbook, notebook, pen/pencil)
  - c. Demonstrate honor, integrity, and respect for teacher, students and yourself
  - d. No electronic distractions: phones, iPod/MP3 players...

**DISCIPLINE POLICY:** Citizenship skills are as important as academic skills. Should problems arise, the policy is: the first offense earns a warning, the second offense earns an “N” for the day, and the third offense is cause for removal with a “U” mark for the day along with parent notification. Flagrant problems will be cause for immediate removal and a “U” for the term. Each term the opportunity to drop low scores is earned thru good citizenship, attendance and punctuality

**ATTENDANCE POLICY:** In accordance with SHS policy, punctual attendance is rewarded and tardiness will adversely affect your grade, 20% of student grade is based on attendance. I fully support the policies as stated by our School and District. If you come un-excused late to class, first 10 minutes =TARDY, 10+ minutes = LATE. The office assesses detentions for unexcused marks which must be made up by the end of each term. Students may qualify to drop low scores at the end of each term if all tardy and attendance problems are made up.

**STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING:** I have read and understand the above information for Mr. Wood' s class.

STUDENT SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_

**“The most incomprehensible thing about the universe is that it is comprehensible.”**

**- Albert Einstein**