Astronomy/Planetary Sciences 518/418
Course Policies

The course is designed for graduate students and advanced undergraduates. We want you to do all the work and will try to accommodate legitimate absences.

Students with a conflict (say a telescope run) who need a short extension on an assignment should talk to us about getting one. We prefer that you take time to work through the problems rather then turn them in incomplete to meet a deadline when you have a "professional" conflict.

However, assignments that are late without prior arrangement or because of "unprofessional" problems [my family was visiting, I went to the basketball game, you know all of these excuses] will be penalized.

The grading will be based on (518):

1. Homework: 100 points total
2. Exam 1: 100 points
3. Paper: 100 points
4. Exam 2: 100 points
5. Class participation and helpful comments on the notes: 100 points

For the 418 version of the course, the paper is waived. In addition, we will identify some homework and exam problems as optional and if you do them, you will get extra credit.