Tips for Success in ASTR-1010
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• Always attend class and pay attention.

• The text displayed is an outline or skeleton. Your notes should include what I say, not just what is displayed on the screen.

• Come to class with an idea of what will be covered that day. Preferably, read the relevant parts of the textbook before class. After each class, reread the text and review your notes, rewriting them more fully if necessary.

• Never think that you are the only person who doesn’t understand something. Don’t hesitate to ask for help if confused.

• Form or join a study group.

• See me during office hours; they are a resource for your benefit. They will be of most help if you have been attending class and if you come prepared with a list of questions. Don’t hesitate to ask for an appointment if my posted hours are in conflict with your schedule.

• Be prepared to spend time on this course outside class, ranging from thirty minutes to three hours per hour spent in class, depending on your level of preparation and study skills.

• Don’t confuse “reading the notes” with “studying.”
  – Introductory science classes are a bit like foreign language classes; unfamiliar vocabulary must be memorized. You will be required to be able to use the language of this course; do whatever it takes.
  – Concepts must be understood; make sure that facts fit into a coherent framework. If you think you understand something, try explaining it to someone else — perhaps someone in your study group.
  – Use the textbook, and be actively involved in the reading. Testing yourself with relevant study questions from the text will help. Familiarize yourself with the resources in the back of the textbook, such as the glossary of terms.
  – Do the Web-based homework. Extra credit will be available, but the main benefit will be to improve your ability to work the test and exams.