Lecture 1: Outline

- Class Overview
- Isotropy and Homogeneity
 - local isotropy implies Hubble like flow
 - isotropy + no privileged observer => homogeneity
 - * Both of these are from Peacock
- Definition of Redshift
- Discussion of Hubble's law
 - Hubble's constant; dimensional analysis with H Hubble time and distance.
 - -H = 100h
- Units
 - Observationally relevant units: parsecs etc.
 - natural units
- Start discussing the FLRW metric

Reading

(approximate)

I didn't do a full survey of cosmology, but I would recommend reading the introductory chapter of either textbook.