

# ASTR 2910 Exit Survey

Now that you've completed ASTR 2910, we want to hear from you about what went well and what should be changed or improved in future iterations!

This form is completely anonymous, and most questions are optional. However, the more feedback we have, the better we can make the course, so please fill out as much of the survey as you can. Bullet points and incomplete sentences are fine and encouraged.

Thanks!  
Alex, Aware, and David

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\* Indicates required question

1. How many class sessions were you able to attend? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Only a few
- ☐ About half
- ☐ Almost all
- ☐ All

2. Do you feel that this class was at an appropriate level for you? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No (too hard)
- ☐ No (too easy)

3. If you answered "No" to the previous question, please elaborate. What specifically did you find too easy or too difficult?

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### Course content

Please refer to the course calendar (pages 7-8 of the [syllabus](#)) if you need help remembering what content was covered in each week.

4. What parts of the course content were the most valuable? Please name specific topics/sessions if applicable.

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5. What parts of the course content were the least valuable OR most confusing? Should they be removed or improved? If improved, how? Please name specific topics/sessions if applicable.

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6. Were there any topics/skills that you think the course should have covered, but didn't?

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7. Did the organization of the content feel appropriate? Should the ordering of certain sessions be changed?

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8. After completing this course, how confident are you in your ability to do each of the following? \*

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Not confident	A little confident	Pretty confident	Very confident
<b>Find astronomy papers</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Read and understand astronomy papers</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Find and retrieve astronomical data</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Use Python to analyze data and make plots</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Communicate astronomy concepts in written/spoken formats</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Describe the steps needed to pursue a career in astronomy research</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Assignments

9. How would you rate the overall workload of the course?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Just right

☐ Too light

☐ Too heavy

10. Outside of our Friday meetings, how many hours per week did you spend on this course?

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11. How would you rate the difficulty of the semester-long project?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Just right

☐ Too easy

☐ Too hard

12. Were the semester-long project milestones appropriately spaced and supported by what you learned in class?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ Somewhat

☐ No

13. How helpful was each milestone in terms of reinforcing what you learned in class?

*Mark only one oval per row.*

	Not at all helpful	Not very helpful	Somewhat helpful	Very helpful
<b>Milestone 1 (literature review)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Milestone 2 (data analysis)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Milestone 3 (written/oral communication)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. Please elaborate on any of your answers above, including any suggestions for improving the semester-long project or other assignments (e.g. Python exercises).

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#### Course structure and environment

15. Evaluate the effectiveness of a typical class session. Did the format (~2 lecture/discussion style topics, followed by working time) work well? What would you change, if anything?

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16. Did you feel comfortable asking for help (during class, in office hours, or via Slack)?

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- ☐ Always
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never

17. If you didn't always feel comfortable, what would have made it easier?

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Looking ahead

18. After taking this class, how do you feel about your understanding of astronomy research as a whole? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ I feel that I know what astronomy research entails
- ☐ I don't feel that I know what astronomy research entails, but this class was helpful
- ☐ I don't feel that I know what astronomy research entails, and this class did not help much

19. After taking this class, how confident do you feel about your own ability to participate in astronomy research? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

	1	2	3	4	5	
Not	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	Very confident

20. After taking this class, your interest in astronomy research was: \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Increased
- ☐ Satisfied
- ☐ Diminished

21. Are you planning to do research this summer? \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Yes, and I have a position already
- ☐ Yes, and I'm still looking for a position
- ☐ No

22. Elaborate on any of your answers above, if needed.

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Finishing up



23. Would you recommend this class to a future first or second year who is interested <sup>\*</sup> in research?

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Maybe

24. **Catch-all comment box:** Please share any other feedback about any aspect of the course.

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