

# ASTR 2910 Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in ASTR 2910: Introduction to Research Skills in Astrophysics! In order to make sure this course is well-suited to you as a student, please fill out the form below. Here are a few important things to keep in mind:

1. You don't need to write long answers or use formal language. Bullet points are encouraged! Try not to spend more than ~10 minutes filling this out.
2. This course is explicitly designed for students with little to no prior experience in research/coding/astronomy. Not having prior experience is **not** a problem and will **not** disadvantage you.

**Please submit this form as soon as possible. I expect to accept students off the waitlist on a rolling basis as slots open up.** My goal is to accept everyone, but the class is designed to be small and may be oversubscribed. If that happens, I will prioritize students with less prior experience in astronomy.

Looking forward to seeing you next semester! Feel free to reach out to me (Alex) with any questions. My email address is [alexandra.masegian@columbia.edu](mailto:alexandra.masegian@columbia.edu).

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\* Indicates required question

1. Email \*

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2. Full name \*

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3. UNI \*

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4. School \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ Columbia College
- ☐ Barnard
- ☐ General Studies
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Year in program \*

*Mark only one oval.*

- ☐ First year (freshman)
- ☐ Second year (sophomore)
- ☐ Third year (junior)
- ☐ Fourth year (senior)
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Major \*

Even if you haven't officially declared your major yet, please indicate what you plan to major in. Feel free to also mention relevant minors/concentrations/etc.

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7. Why do you want to take this class? \*

Briefly describe your primary motivation for taking ASTR 2910.

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8. Prior research experience \*

Please list and briefly describe any prior research experience you have had in astronomy or other fields. If you have not had any prior research experience, put N/A. (Prior experience is not required, so don't worry if you don't have any.)

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9. Do you have prior coding experience? \*

This could include CS classes, summer programs, or self-teaching (in any programming language). Only mark "No" if you have never coded or learned about coding before. (Prior experience is not required, so don't worry if you don't have any.)

*Mark only one oval.*

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. Prior coding experience \*

**If you answered "No" to the previous question:** Put N/A -- and again, don't worry :)

**If you answered "Yes" to the previous question:** Please list any coding languages that you have experience with and rate how comfortable you feel with those languages on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being "I only learned the basics/would need a refresher to use this language" and 5 being "I am comfortable writing my own programs from scratch in this language."

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11. Prior non-research experience in astronomy \*

Please list and briefly describe any prior **non-research** experience you have had in astronomy (e.g. classes, clubs, etc). If you have not had any prior experiences, put N/A. (Prior experience is not required, so don't worry if you don't have any.)

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12. [OPTIONAL] Are there any specific topics/skills you're hoping to see covered in this class? Do you have specific questions about astronomy research/career paths/etc? Put them here!

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