

Marking Scheme for Astronomy/Origins 2B03 2019

Given below is a detailed outline of the marking criteria for the different parts of the course.

(1) FINAL EXAMINATION: 35 marks

(2) MID-TERM EXAMINATION: 15 marks

(3) PARTICIPATION*: 14 marks

- Self-introduction on Avenue to Learn Page by September 16th (1 mark)
- Recorded active participation in tutorial group discussion (2 marks/week)
- Peer evaluation of the project presentations in your tutorial (1 mark/week)

Note: mark will be rescaled to be out of 14 total marks (as necessary)

*** Must be on time to tutorials to receive participation marks!**

(4) JOURNAL: 10 marks

The journal consists of your entries on the Avenue to Learn site (look in the Dropbox). You do not need to submit a printed version. No special format for your writing is expected, but **marks will be assigned for:**

- **regularity and frequency of entries**
- **quality of your thought and reflection**
- **connection to the course material**
- **quality of your writing, including grammar and spelling.**

Journal folders will open on September 16th and will close on November 22nd

Notes:

- Do NOT submit your journal entries all together at the end of the term (regularity and frequency are one of the criteria!!)
- Do not regurgitate material from the lectures. Your journals should contain original material
- Your TA reads these journals; make them interesting and creative!
- If you use outside resources make sure you properly reference them. The journals will be checked for plagiarism.

(5) CLICKER QUIZZES:

4 marks

- **We will frequently use i-clickers during class to address concept questions.**

Marks are assigned for attempting the question as well as for getting the correct answer (for questions with a correct answer or for questions reviewing material from the previous lecture!). Register your clickers using your **MAC ID!!!!** **Must have your iClicker or smart device with iClicker Reef polling by the second class!!**

(6) PROJECT:

22 marks

SIGN-UP 1 mark

- Sign up **on time** for the project (**September 27th**)

WRITTEN PROPOSAL 2 marks

- Select topic and propose method. Submit to your TA before **October 4th**.
- **Should be 1 substantial paragraph (~ half a page) in length**

CLASS HANDOUT 4 marks

- One-page handout for your tutorial group (with references).
- Was it clear, concise and complete?
- Was it useful and relevant?

Presentation 15 marks**

CONTENT 5 marks

- How deeply did you investigate your selected topic?
- How well did you understand your material?
- Was the presented content relevant?

ORGANIZATION & PRESENTATION 10 marks

- How well suited was it to the audience in your group?
- Did you use the time effectively? (15 min for presentation + 5 minutes for Q&A = 20 minutes total!)
- Was your presentation engaging and clear? Connection with audience?
- Did you generate discussion?
- **Did you answer questions well? Remember the Q&A portion is 25% of your time!**
- Did you stay on time?
- Were you creative?
- If you used slides were they attractive? Did they complement the presentation? Did you remember to bring a printed copy for your TA?

****Note: The presentation component is worth a large fraction of your mark in this course. The standards for the presentations are high and you should practise your presentation many times before presenting!**