

Lecture Tutorials For Introductory Astronomy 3rd Edition

Lecture-Tutorials for Introductory Astronomy provides a collection of 44 collaborative learning, inquiry-based activities to be used with introductory astronomy courses. Based on education research, these activities are “classroom ready” and lead to deeper, more complete understanding through a series of structured questions that prompt you to use reasoning and identify and correct their misconceptions. All content has been extensively field tested and six new tutorials have been added that respond to reviewer demand, numerous interviews, and nationally conducted workshops. A textbook that is not written like a textbook.

Astronomy is a popular subject for non-science majors in the United States, often representing a last formal exposure to science. Nationwide, more than half of all college students take at least one class online each year. In addition, there has been a rapid growth in Massive Open Online Classes (MOOCs), where adult learners take an online class for enrichment rather than for credit towards a degree. For both formal and informal learners, online course delivery is becoming increasingly important, and the resources for instructors have not kept up with this rapid change. This book aims to fill that need, with advice on all the tools and resources that are suitable for online classes. The book's purpose is to bring astronomy instructors up to speed on the best ways to create and teach an online astronomy class, for traditional college students and for distributed audiences of lifelong learners. Instructors of these courses will see articles on the online use of real and virtual telescopes, simulations and applets, and tools that adapt to the learner. Each chapter is written by an academic who is adept in teaching online

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A set of brief worksheets designed to be completed by students working alone or in groups, Lecture Tutorials in Introductory Geoscience engage students in the learning process and make abstract concepts real. Through the use of effective questioning, step-by-step learning, and a progression of simple-to-complex visuals, Lecture Tutorials help students construct correct scientific ideas about often-difficult topics, while dispelling common misconceptions. Research based on extensive classroom use shows that Lecture Tutorials increase student learning more than just a lecture alone.

Students learn astronomy by doing astronomy.

With Astronomy Today, Eighth Edition, trusted authors Eric Chaisson and Steve McMillan communicate their excitement about astronomy, delivering current and thorough science with insightful pedagogy. The text emphasizes critical thinking and visualization, and it focuses on the process of scientific discovery, teaching students how we know what we know.

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The Activity-Based Tutorials are designed to accompany and enhance lecture instruction. They have been developed using a cycle of physics education research, including investigations into

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Astronomy is written in clear non-technical language, with the occasional touch of humor and a wide range of clarifying illustrations. It has many analogies drawn from everyday life to help non-science majors appreciate, on their own terms, what our modern exploration of the universe is revealing. The book can be used for either a one-semester or two-semester introductory course (bear in mind, you can

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customize your version and include only those chapters or sections you will be teaching.) It is made available free of charge in electronic form (and low cost in printed form) to students around the world. If you have ever thrown up your hands in despair over the spiraling cost of astronomy textbooks, you owe your students a good look at this one. Coverage and Scope Astronomy was written, updated, and reviewed by a broad range of astronomers and astronomy educators in a strong community effort. It is designed to meet scope and sequence requirements of introductory astronomy courses nationwide. Chapter 1: Science and the Universe: A Brief Tour Chapter 2: Observing the Sky: The Birth of Astronomy Chapter 3: Orbits and Gravity Chapter 4: Earth, Moon, and Sky Chapter 5: Radiation and Spectra Chapter 6: Astronomical Instruments Chapter 7: Other Worlds: An Introduction to the Solar System Chapter 8: Earth as a Planet Chapter 9: Cratered Worlds Chapter 10: Earthlike Planets: Venus and Mars Chapter 11: The Giant Planets Chapter 12: Rings, Moons, and Pluto Chapter 13: Comets and Asteroids: Debris of the Solar System Chapter 14: Cosmic Samples and the Origin of the Solar System Chapter 15: The Sun: A Garden-Variety Star Chapter 16: The Sun: A Nuclear Powerhouse Chapter 17: Analyzing Starlight Chapter 18: The Stars: A Celestial Census Chapter 19: Celestial Distances Chapter 20: Between the Stars:

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A comprehensive and engaging textbook, covering the entire astrophysics curriculum in one volume.

This book explores evidence-based practice in college science teaching. It is grounded in disciplinary education research by practicing scientists who have chosen to take Wieman's (2014) challenge seriously, and to investigate claims about the efficacy of alternative strategies in college science teaching. In editing this book, we have chosen to

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showcase outstanding cases of exemplary practice supported by solid evidence, and to include practitioners who offer models of teaching and learning that meet the high standards of the scientific disciplines. Our intention is to let these distinguished scientists speak for themselves and to offer authentic guidance to those who seek models of excellence. Our primary audience consists of the thousands of dedicated faculty and graduate students who teach undergraduate science at community and technical colleges, 4-year liberal arts institutions, comprehensive regional campuses, and flagship research universities. In keeping with Wieman's challenge, our primary focus has been on identifying classroom practices that encourage and support meaningful learning and conceptual understanding in the natural sciences. The content is structured as follows: after an Introduction based on Constructivist Learning Theory (Section I), the practices we explore are Eliciting Ideas and Encouraging Reflection (Section II); Using Clickers to Engage Students (Section III); Supporting Peer Interaction through Small Group Activities (Section IV); Restructuring Curriculum and Instruction (Section V); Rethinking the Physical Environment (Section VI); Enhancing Understanding with Technology (Section VII), and Assessing Understanding (Section VIII). The book's final section (IX) is devoted to Professional Issues facing college and university faculty who choose to adopt active learning in their courses. The common feature underlying all of the strategies described in this book is their emphasis on actively engaging students who seek to make sense of natural objects and events. Many of the strategies we highlight emerge from a constructivist view of learning that has gained widespread acceptance in recent years. In this view, learners make sense of the world by forging connections between new ideas and those that are part of their existing knowledge base. For most students, that

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knowledge base is riddled with a host of naïve notions, misconceptions and alternative conceptions they have acquired throughout their lives. To a considerable extent, the job of the teacher is to coax out these ideas; to help students understand how their ideas differ from the scientifically accepted view; to assist as students restructure and reconcile their newly acquired knowledge; and to provide opportunities for students to evaluate what they have learned and apply it in novel circumstances. Clearly, this prescription demands far more than most college and university scientists have been prepared for.

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"Lecture-Tutorials for Introductory Astronomy," which was developed by the Conceptual Astronomy and Physics Education Research (CAPER) Team, is a collection of classroom-tested activities designed for the large-lecture introductory astronomy class, although it is suitable for any astronomy class. The Lecture-Tutorials are short, structured activities designed for students to complete while working in pairs. Each activity targets one or more specific learning objectives based on research on student difficulties in astronomy. Most activities can be completed in 10 to 15 minutes. The instructor's guide provides, for each activity, the recommended prerequisite knowledge, the learning goals for the activity, a pre-activity assessment question, an answer key, suggestions for implementation, and follow-up questions to be used for class discussion or homework.

Lecture-Tutorials for Introductory Astronomy were developed to integrate the needs of busy, research-focused faculty who teach in challenging environments with existing, effective teaching strategies. Chapter topics include the Solar System, stellar magnitudes, techniques in astronomy, moon phases, stellar evolution, and more. For college professors, instructors and other professionals who are interested in a lively, engaging method of teaching introductory astronomy.

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