1. **Reading Assignments**
Read the assigned chapters in the text before the lecture to get introduced to the subject. Parts of the text not covered in the lectures will not be on the exams. Material in the lectures, but not in the text, will be covered on the exams.

2. **Homework**
Seven homework sets will be assigned – one set approximately every two weeks. Homework handouts of 1-2 pages will be due 1 week after handout, and will be discussed during the following class. Late homework without a valid excuse will receive a zero grade.

3. **Exams**
Mid-terms and the Final exam will be objective – either multiple choice or true/false. Three 45-min exams will be given which will count 55% of the total course grade. Makeup exams will be mostly essay type questions. The final exam will cover new material in the last 8 lectures plus a review of the material covered in the 3 mid-terms. The final exam must be taken on the assigned date (Fri, 11 May, 7:30am) unless prior permission is obtained from the instructor.

4. **Grading**
The final course grade will be based on all work done, and will be on a curve. The percentage contributions are: 25% final exam, 55% for the three mid-terms, and 20% for homework. Every attempt will be made to return graded homework and exams by the next scheduled class period. An answer key and unclaimed homework will be posted outside our 4th floor offices in Watanabe.

5. **Extra Credit**
Extra credit is available to students who choose to participate in 2-3 evening observing sessions and/or complete 1-2 written exercises. Instructions will be handed out in late-Jan. Participation is voluntary.

6. **Office Hours**
My office hours will be M,W,F, 7:30-8:20 AM in Wat 423. Appointments can also be made by calling my office at the Institute for Astronomy, C-207 (956-5055), or sending email to sanders@ifa.hawaii.edu. Yanxia Li’s (TA) office hours will be Mon and Wed, 9:30-11:00 AM in Wat 421.

7. **Course Web site**
Copies of this as well as all additional handouts can be found on my A110-1 website at http://www.ifa.hawaii.edu/~sanders/A110-1-S12.html

8. **Telescopes – Sky Viewing**
Several evening sessions will be arranged for A110-1 students to use department telescopes for nighttime observing. Location will be Kapiolani Park with dates TBD.