

Nats 1750 F/W 2015-16

Course Email : natclass@yorku.ca

This course will be using MOODLE. All course information, dates, marks etc. will be posted to the MOODLE site for this course. Please make sure you have logged into your MOODLE account. Any course you have enrolled in is automatically added to your account. To mail me you MUST use your yorku.ca email

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Marking Scheme

Lesson Quizzes		4%
Reading Quizzes		10% (6 per term, best 10 of 12 will count)
Assignments		28% (4@ 7% each)
December/April exams		29% each (total 58 %)

Course Materials

REQUIRED

*Required Text - Earth: Portrait of a Planet 5/e with SmartWork by Steve Marshak
W.W. Norton Publisher*

Please note.. there is more than one format of this text. Although the bookstore system lists 1 format as required and the others as optional, all formats are the same and the student may choose whichever one best suits their preferences.

Course Policies

Late Material

Due Dates are **NOT** negotiable - Material will NOT be accepted late. For missed coursework documentation will be required as proof of the legitimacy of the reason. Notification of such absences must normally be within **2 working days of the due date** (email is the preferred form of notification natclass@yorku.ca from your yorku email) and documentation would normally be submitted within **1 week** of the missed date or no accommodation will be considered. If you know in advance that you have a conflict for the dates for any class work or exams, etc. please notify the professor at least **2 WEEKS** in advance so other arrangements can be made, this includes any religious exemptions. Please see York's webpage for the guidelines for religious exemptions.

Submission of Work

Any submission of the work is to take place **only** online by the deadlines indicated. Late work will NOT be accepted. For work submitted online it is the student's responsibility to ensure it has been properly submitted. It is STRONGLY advised that you do not wait until the last minute to submit your assignment, as if you encounter technical difficulties at that point, that is NOT grounds for an extension or accepting a late submission.

Plagiarism and Academic dishonesty

Any material submitted by a student for this course must be original unless otherwise acknowledged. Collaboration with colleagues on a problem is an essential part of science, but to claim credit for work performed by others is both unethical and unacceptable. Plagiarism and cheating will not be tolerated. The penalty for such offences range from a failing grade on the submitted material to expulsion from the University.

Please see the following link for more details as to York's academic dishonesty policy:

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/legislation/senate/acadhone.htm>

Important University Policies

<http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/senate/committees/ascp/documents/CourseInformationForStudentsAugust2012.pdf>

Important information for students regarding the Ethics Review process, Access/Disability, Academic Honesty/Integrity, Student Conduct, and Religious Observance Days is available on the York Secretariat webpage: <http://www.yorku.ca/secretariat/policies/>

Also review the new Student Code of Conduct, developed by the Office of Student Conduct and Dispute Resolution, available here: <http://www.yorku.ca/scdr>

Maintaining a professional atmosphere in the classroom (whether virtual or live) conducive to learning by all students is a requirement in this course, and any disruptions to it will be not tolerated.

Lesson Quizzes

For each lesson there will be 1 or 2 short multiple choice quizzes that are available for approximately 2 weeks. Quizzes will open shortly after the lesson material becomes available.

Online Quizzes

Regular online multiple choice reading quizzes on material from the text and short answers based on lecture/lesson material will be posted. There will be one quiz roughly every 2 weeks, with the best 10 of 12 counting. Quizzes will each be worth 1 %. Quizzes will be open for approximately 2 weeks.

Exams

There will be exams in the December and April exam period. For students living more than 3 hours from campus, exams can be arranged BY THE STUDENT, and at your own expense to write at an alternate exam center. More information on this is posted in the exam section on MOODLE.

NO ELECTRONICs or OTHER AIDS OF ANY KIND ARE PERMITTED during tests or exams.

Students who require accommodations are expected to provide the appropriate letters from their counsellors in the first 2 weeks of term. Letters may be scanned and emailed OR dropped off at the Natural Science Office 218 Bethune. A reminder that any requests for extensions are normally expected PRIOR to due dates, and will not be granted last minute or once deadline has passes unless there are valid reasons for lack of appropriate notification.