

# Course Syllabus

## Astron 220: Introduction to Astrophysics (Spring 2008)

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- Office hours:** By appointment
- Lectures:** Tech L160, TuTh 9:30AM - 11:00AM
- Text:** Astronomy – A Physical Perspective by Marc Kutner
- Web site:** <http://www.astro.northwestern.edu/~bart/teaching.html>
- Grading:** Homework (10%), Midterm 1 (30%), Midterm 2 (30%), Final (30%)
- Exam policy:** Attendance and being on time is mandatory
- Reading period:** There will be no classes during WCAS Reading Week (06/02/08 – 06/06/08)

### Tentative topics

Properties of ordinary stars  
Relativity  
Stellar evolution  
The Milky Way  
The universe at large

### Important dates

**Midterm 1** Tuesday, 04/22/08, 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
**Midterm 2** Tuesday, 05/13/08, 9:30AM - 11:00AM  
**Final Exam** Monday, 06/09/08, 3:00PM - 5:00PM

All exams will take place in Tech L160