

## **ASTR 1020 – Semester Project Information**

Outline	due on March 4
Presentations	due on April 15
Project	due on April 22

### **Project Grading Rubric**

- Outline = 5 points
- Project quality = 5 points
  - This portion includes length, typos, grammar, cleanliness/neatness, and overall effort towards making a quality project
- Project accuracy = 10 points
  - Did you answer the topic questions presented? Is all your information factual and did you flesh out your points and ideas? Did you use quality sources?
- You lose one point for each day these are late.

### **Project Outline**

- Due March 4 at the beginning of class
- It should be at least one page, typed, double spaced
- What to write:
  - What is your project topic? What is your project type?
  - What efforts have you made to begin the project and locate reliable sources?
  - Include at least 3 sources you're thinking of using
  - What specific topics will you be discussing, and what have you learned about them so far?
- The project doesn't need to be completed, but you need to have a decent start.

### **Project Presentations:**

- Due April 15, and April 22 if needed.
- PowerPoint projects - you must present for a full 10 minutes.
- Non-PowerPoint projects - you may present for a full 5 minutes for 3 extra credit points.
  - You don't have to make a PowerPoint for these extra credit presentations unless you want to - you can just stand up in front of the class and talk.
- Attendance is required for these presentation days
  - You will evaluate the other presentations.
  - This counts as one lab grade like everything else.
- All other projects will be due on the last day of lab - April 22.

### **Project Medley and Lab 28 (Observatory Report):**

- Both are due on April 22, at the beginning of lab.
- All projects are due by this date, no exception.
- Make sure to get Lab 28 signed by an astronomer on duty
  - Ex) On-campus observing, Georgia Tech, Fernbank Science center, Hard Labor Creek.
  - Observatory information can be found online at [www.astro.gsu.edu/lab/](http://www.astro.gsu.edu/lab/)

### **General Extra Credit:**

- 4 points: Visiting Hard Labor Creek Observatory on an open house night and filling out Lab 28.
- 3 points: Visiting two different observatories and filling out Lab 28 for both visits.
- 3 points: Presenting your project to the class in April