**APh 162 Syllabus**

**Tuesdays 7-10 pm and Thursdays 1-4 pm**

**Location**: Braun 16 &17

**Instructor**: Prof. Rob Phillips

**TAs:** Office hours will be held in Braun 16

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**Policies**:

This is a Lab course: attendance is absolutely mandatory.

Grading:

Your assignments should be posted on a webpage, rather than turned in during class. Post your pictures, answers and graphs in an easy-to-read style. We will be grading you on content, so do not feel pressured to make the most beautiful website imaginable. However, it must be clear and functional: if we cannot find your assignment, we cannot grade you.

There is available space on the APh 162 file server, snowdome.caltech.edu (see a TA for info) or you may use your ITS personal space. Some of you may also find http://templates.caltech.edu to be helpful. **Before the 1st assignment is due**, send a link to your webpage to all the TAs.

Please keep notebooks of your work in this course. Each session must have: the date, a title, your purpose, materials and methods and results.

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| Attendance | 15% |
| Assignments: Weeks 1-4 | 10% each  |
| Lab Notebooks | 15% |
| Final Project |  |
|  Progress Report | 15% |
|  Presentation | 15% |
| Total | 100% |

Progress Reports:
Please write a short (two-page, double spaced) paper on the background of your topic and how it relates to the project you will be doing. Be sure to include your reasoning and your methods as well as your hypotheses, possible results and their interpretations.

Final Presentations:
These are to show your fellow students and TAs what you did during the projects. Please include background on the subject, especially on the physical aspects of your work as well as your methods, results and future directions.

**Schedule**:

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| **Class** | **Topic** | **Assignments** |
| TTh | Jan 5Jan 7 | The Size of Things: MicroscopyMicroscopy Continued |  |
| TTh | Jan 12Jan 14 | The Rate of Things: Growth CurvesMolecular Biology Day 1 | Week 1 Hwk Due |
| TTh | Jan 19Jan 21 | Molecular Biology Day 2Molecular Biology Day 3 | Week 2 Hwk Due |
| TTh | Jan 26Jan 28 | Molecular Biology Day 4Begin Projects | Week 3 Hwk Due |
| TTh | Feb 2Feb 4 | Projects |  |
| TTh | Feb 9Feb 11 | Projects | Week 4 Hwk Due |
| TTh | Feb 16Feb 18 | Projects |  |
| TTh | Feb 23Feb 25 | Projects | Progress Report Due |
| TTh | Mar 2Mar 4 | Projects |  |
| TTh | Mar 9Mar 11 | Finish ProjectsPresentations | Presentations Due |