Dear Students,

“The Planets” course will be using the following textbook in combination with an online homework system MasteringAstronomy:

Cosmic Perspective, The: The Solar System with MasteringAstronomy™, 6/E
Jeffrey O. Bennett, University of Colorado, Boulder
Megan Donahue, Michigan State University
Nicholas Schneider, University of Colorado, Boulder
Mark Voit, Michigan State University
Publisher: Addison-Wesley Copyright: 2010 Format: Paper Package; Published: 12/21/2009
Current retail price: $101.50 [Buy from myPearsonStore](http://www.masteringastronomy.com)

To reduce your expenses, please note that we are using the 6th and not the latest 7th edition. Also note in the following table of contents that we are using an abridged version rather than the entire “Cosmic Perspective”:

1. Our Place in the Universe
2. Discovering the Universe for Yourself
3. The Science of Astronomy
4. Making Sense of the Universe: Understanding Motion, Energy, and Gravity
5. Light and Matter: Reading Messages from the Cosmos
6. Telescopes: Portals of Discovery
7. Our Solar System
8. Formation of the Solar System
9. Planetary Geology: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds
10. Planetary Atmospheres: Earth and the Other Terrestrial Worlds
11. Jovian Planet Systems
12. Asteroids, Comets, and Dwarf Planets: Their Nature, Orbits, and Impacts
14. Our Star
24. Life in the Universe

75% of the homework will be using the online with MasteringAstronomy that accompanies your textbook. You need access to pass this class. Here are three ways:

1) Students who purchase a new book in the Cal Student Store for $101.50 will receive an access code for MasteringAstronomy packaged with the book. (Be aware that if you buy a “new” book online from a third party that you could end-up with a new book without a valid access code. This has happened unfortunately.)

2. Students who rent the book from the Cal Student Store for $47 or who buy a used book (the 4th and 5th editions are ok too) without access code (whether it be online, from a friend, or from the bookstore) need to purchase access to MasteringAstronomy separately at [www.masteringastronomy.com](http://www.masteringastronomy.com) for $55. They will need your Course ID and a valid credit card. Be sure to purchase access to the 6th edition!

3. Students who wish to purchase an eBook with their Mastering access can also do so at [www.masteringastronomy.com](http://www.masteringastronomy.com). Again, they will need your Course ID and a valid credit card.

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- **✓ The ZIP code for your school:** 94720
- **✓ Our Course ID:** PLANETSSUMMER2013

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- To register using the Student Access Code inside the MasteringAstronomy Student Access Kit, select Yes, I have an access code. Click Continue.

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- Select your text, if available, and Go to Study Area for access to self-study material.
- Enter a Student ID.

Click Save and OK.

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