What can I expect to learn?

Astronomy courses at Phoenix College stress the process by which humans learn about the vast space that surrounds us. You will learn how to ask, and answer, big questions such as "How big is the Earth, Sun, solar system, and universe?", "How does a star work?", and "How old is the universe?" Searching for answers to such questions goes far beyond the learning of a few interesting facts about astronomy. It also fosters a person's ability to organize complex information into a coherent argument, which is a critical thinking skill that can be applied in all aspects of life.

When can I start?

Classes are available every semester. The fall semester begins in August, followed by the spring semester in January. Some classes are also available in the summer.

Will I be able to transfer to a university?

Courses taught at Phoenix College are lower division collegiate courses that may transfer to a four-year college or university as program requirement credits, elective credits, and/or graduation requirements for the receiving institution.

Meet with one or our transfer advisors for assistance with choosing courses for transfer to another institution. Visit the Aztransfer.com website for the most accurate and timely transfer requirement information.

What is the employment outlook in astronomy?

Extensive skill, knowledge, and experience are needed for these occupations. Many may require more than five years of experience. Most astronomy-related jobs require graduate school education, and may require a master's degree, or a Ph.D.