First Assignment - Astronomy 105
Complete the following four activities before class on Thursday, August 31.

1. Purchase the following items: a textbook, a clicker and a lab manual. All of these items are available at the Student Center bookstore (Barnes and Noble).
   - Textbook - “The Essential Cosmic Perspective” (8th edition)
   - Clicker - TurningTechnologies “ResponseCard XR” (looks like this)
   - Lab Manual - only available at local bookstores (Fall 2017 edition)

2. In this course, you will be using Mastering Astronomy, an online tutorial and homework companion to your textbook. In order to access this site you must first register using an “access code”. If you purchased a new textbook at the SFA bookstore, the “access code” is included. If you have a used textbook then it will be necessary to purchase an “access code” from the MasteringAstronomy web site. Carefully follow the registration instructions given below and be sure to enter the information EXACTLY as indicated.

   Student Registration for MasteringAstronomy:
   1. **Info You Need To Register:**
      - Your SFA email address
      - A student access code
      - Course ID for Mr. Michaels Ast105.02 class: AST10502F2017
   2. If requested during the registration process, make sure to click on the correct textbook icon (8th edition of "The Essential Cosmic Perspective").
   3. Enter your first and last name exactly the way it appears on University records. Do not use all caps; capitalize the first letter of your first and last names only. Do not shorten your first name or use nicknames otherwise your online work and grades may not be recorded!
   4. Register: Go to www.masteringastronomy.com, click on the STUDENT icon and complete the registration process.
   5. Sign-in to MasteringAstronomy to verify access.
      - Go to www.masteringastronomy.com/site/login.html.
      - Enter the User Name and Password you created while registering and click Sign In.

3. **TurningPoint ResponseCard XR (Clicker):** We will use clicker technology in lecture only. Your responses to clicker questions will count as part of your course grade. We will register clickers in class on Thursday, August 31

4. Complete your first reading assignment - Lecture Syllabus, Lab Syllabus, pages xx-xxiv and Chapter 1 in your text. Also complete the first MasteringAstronomy assignment, “Introduction to MasteringAstronomy”. This assignment will help familiarize you with the web site (not graded).