



ASTRONOMY 100 – SPRING 2024 – IPODIA

NOTE: THIS IS NOT AN ONLINE CLASS

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This section of Astronomy 100 will be taught through the iPodia program developed in the Viterbi School of Engineering and offered for only the second time University-wide.

The class will meet in person twice a week, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:00am to 9:20am. The remainder of the class will be on Microsoft Teams (please see second paragraph below this one). There is a possibility of changing one of the two sessions to Mondays at 5:00pm.

The program brings together classrooms from universities across the globe in an effort to inject global perspectives into the teaching of each subject. We are currently negotiating with global partners for the course.

The structure of the course will be as follows: the course will be taught through Microsoft Teams. We will meet in person twice a week for 80 minutes in RTH217. Meeting times are chosen to accommodate the students enrolled in the course at partner universities joining our class. The remainder of the course will be online, through Microsoft Teams, including the labs for the course. We will cover material similar to the traditional Astronomy 100 course at USC, with an emphasis on cultural astronomy and the differences in how ancient cultures viewed the night sky. All class materials will be provided by me, and you will not need to purchase a textbook.

To sign up for this groundbreaking course, please contact me at peroomia@usc.edu. Enrollment will be limited to 20 USC students and you are expect to participate in all aspects of the class, including at least one of the two in-person meetings each week.