



**SUMMER
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ASTROPHYSICS INFOSHEET

**New student admissions for
Summer 2026 are open**

2-Week Course

This is a two-week program where you'll focus on one course for the entire duration.



Program Highlights

- Develop an understanding of fundamental astrophysical principles that govern the universe
- Collaborate with fellow students on exciting coursework that challenge critical thinking and creativity
- Gain hands-on experience through observational activities and data analysis
- Explore the diverse applications of astrophysics in fields such as space exploration, climate science, and technology
- Discover a variety of career paths within astrophysics and related fields, and learn about the impact of this discipline on our understanding of the universe



Academic Program Overview

Do you have a strong curiosity about how the universe was formed and what secrets it holds? Our Astrophysics program offers you the opportunity to explore one of the most intriguing and expansive fields of science. Over two weeks, you'll dive into the fascinating world of astrophysics, gaining a strong foundation in key concepts, participating in hands-on projects, and discovering the limitless wonders of the universe. The course aims to foster a deep understanding of our universe and encourage critical thinking and problem-solving skills.



Excursions

Berkeley: Students will have the opportunity to visit leading research institutions and observatories throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. Through these academic excursions, students will gain insight into how astrophysicists study the universe. These visits provide students with a behind-the-scenes look at how cutting-edge discoveries in astrophysics are made and shared with the scientific community.

2026 Dates

Georgia Tech (\$5,798)

- Session 1: June 14 - June 26

Berkeley (\$5,998)

- Session 2: June 21 - July 3
- Session 4: July 5 - July 17
- Session 6: July 19 - July 31

Instructors

Georgia Tech - Katie Futrowsky

Katie Futrowsky is a Ph.D. candidate in Georgia Tech's Center for Relativistic Astrophysics studying massive black holes. She has a B.S. in Physics and a B.S. in Astronomy from the University of Maryland. She is a teaching assistant for undergraduates in physics and astronomy classes at Georgia Tech and tutors local high school students in physics. In addition to her astrophysics research, she is involved in science policy and studies national security in space. She has previously worked as observatory staff at the University of Maryland Observatory and has interned in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Berkeley - Kevin McLin, Ph.D.

Dr. McLin holds his PhD in Astrophysics from University of Colorado, his MS in Astronomy from University of Washington and his BS in Physics from UC Davis. He's been a science educator for over 25 years with a primary interest in optical observational astronomy, managing small telescopes and teaching astronomy and physics from the introductory through graduate levels. He's a co-author of "The Big Ideas in Cosmology" and has developed a number of courses for science teachers in K-12 and college. Kevin also enjoys providing informal astronomy education through his work at Starwerk.net where he offers night sky explorations.

Tuition Information:

Residential Students:

- **Includes:** all meals, lodging, excursions, academic course, weekend excursions
- **Excludes:** optional airport pickup and drop off service (available for an additional fee)
- **Price:** See prices under 2026 dates

Commuter Students:

- **Includes:** lunch, academic course, excursions, programming from 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday
- **Excludes:** lodging, breakfast, dinner, weekend excursions
 - Weekend excursions can be added on for \$125 per day
- **Price:** \$3,298

Supplements:

- **Application fee:** Starting at \$99 (mandatory, non-refundable)
- **Tuition Protection Plan:** Allows for cancellation for any reason up until the day of the program. Click [here](#) for more info.



Course Structure

There are nine 3-hour class sessions over the two-week course. During week one, students have class from 9am-12pm, Monday - Friday. During week two, students have class from 9am-12pm Monday through Thursday. Wednesday afternoons are dedicated to additional academic time (excursions, speakers).



Typical Schedule

8AM	Breakfast	
9AM	Academic Course / Commuter Student Arrival	
12PM	Lunch	
1:30PM	Academic Excursions or Recreational Activity	
3:30PM	College Readiness Workshop or True You	
5PM- 6:30PM	Commuter Student Departure	
6PM	Dinner	
7PM	Clubs	
10:30PM	Night Checks	

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