

Physics 3368
Astrophysics and Cosmology
Paper Guidelines
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1. The paper should be 3000 words in length using either 10 pt or 12 pt font with 1.5 spacing between lines.
2. You are required to have at least 1 figure or table relevant to your topic, explained with a caption. Figure size should be 3"x 5" (max). Any font contained in the figure must be of minimum height 2 mm. Color figures are fine, but not required.
3. You must include bibliography and title page which do not count towards the paper length. The citations in the bibliography should follow the Chicago Manual of Style (http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html).
4. Paper margins should be 1" on the top, bottom, left and right hand sides of the paper.
5. The audience for your paper is that of the level appropriate for a 3000 level class. Assume the audience has no expertise in your topic.
6. Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any student who plagiarizes material will be dealt with in accordance to university policy outlined on page 32 of the 2014-2015 Student Handbook.
7. Appointment can be made to review paper topics with me outside of class.
8. The paper will be due at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 15th. If you are not happy with the grade you receive, you will have a chance to re-write the paper. The final paper will be due on the last day of instruction, at 6 pm Monday, May 4th. In order to qualify for a re-write, you must turn in a complete, finished paper at 6 pm on Wednesday, April 15th.
9. I recommend that you take advantage of the writing center at SMU (<http://smu.edu/alec/wc.asp>) if you need help with any stage of your writing.
10. You are required to submit a both a hard copy and a pdf electronic version by the required due date and time. The electronic version should be submitted via email to cooley@physics.smu.edu.