

Homework 1

Sending an email...

Your first assignment in this course about public science outreach will be to send your instructor an email. This may seem to be a very simple assignment (and it is!) but some people find it extremely intimidating, and it is good practice to refresh your memory on email etiquette. Email is still the primary way we as academics communicate with journalists, how members of the public reach out to us, and how we connect professionally.

Send your instructor (Jim) an email describing a piece of online science communication content you have recently watched/read/listened to. This could be a blog post, news article, vlog, podcast...

Requirements:

[20 points total]

- Use my official (uw.edu) email address. You can find this in the Syllabus, or via the UW Astronomy website. [1 pt]
- Send the email from your official (uw.edu) email address. [2 pts]
- Include as the Subject: ASTR 270, Homework 1 [2 pts]
- Use a formal email or letter style, including a salutation, introduction (this is the first time we are corresponding, after all), main content, and a formal closing. [5 pts]
 - I am not picky about style, but if you would like an example [here is one from Purdue](#)
- In the main body, briefly summarize a piece of science or science communication content. Tell me what you liked or disliked, what questions you had, or perhaps what surprised you. This only needs to be 3-4 sentences, and should be less than 2 paragraphs. [10 pts]
 - Be sure to provide a link to the content
- Optionally: if you would like to share e.g. your preferred name, pronouns, and/or the reason why you are taking this course, I promise to read and try to remember them all!

Due

Emails must be received by 5pm PDT on Friday March 29, 2024.