



# NOVA: Hunting the Edge of Space

## Introduction

While I certainly hope every semester proceeds smoothly, it usually doesn't. Not for everyone. If circumstances arise which force you to miss a lab, this is one way in which you can fulfill your lab attendance requirement. Please remember that the course policy states clearly that **you must attend and participate in a minimum of nine labs**. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a grade of F for the semester. No exceptions will be made to this policy, and no negotiation of consequences is possible.

## Objectives

- ◆ To complete the course laboratory attendance policy
- ◆ Not to fail the course for failing to attend sufficient labs

## Procedure

1. **View the program:** You are responsible for viewing both parts of the NOVA show. The link below is to the program homepage, which has a separate link to each hour of the show:

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/space/hunting-edge-space.html>

There are also links to each hour of the program directly from the Laboratory page of the course web.

2. **Take some notes:** While you are watching, you might want to jot down some notes on the important points. Anything you write down in your lab notebook will be available to you when you take the quiz, because you are always allowed to use your notebook during lab quizzes.
3. **Schedule a quiz:** Once you have completed both portions of the program, you should contact me to schedule a time in which to take a quiz. There is no scheduled date for everyone to take the quiz, because not everyone will participate in this exercise. Please e-mail me at [njaustin@uca.edu](mailto:njaustin@uca.edu) and we will arrange a day and time for your quiz.

4. **Write it down:** **You must complete the quiz no later than 08/06/15.** If you forget your quiz appointment, or something unexpected occurs and you cannot make it, you may reschedule. However, **you may only reschedule one time.** If you miss the second appointment, you will not be permitted to schedule a third time. No quizzes will be scheduled for the last day of the semester (08/07/15), and absolutely no quizzes will be scheduled for AFTER the semester has ended. Yes, it has been tried. No, it did not work.
5. **Be on time:** Please come to my office (**LSC 014**) on the day and at the time we have agreed upon. I will wait for you, but not all day. If you have not arrived or contacted me within 20 minutes of our scheduled time, I will not continue to wait for you. You have only one opportunity to reschedule (see above).
6. **Plan to spend about 20 minutes:** The quiz should only take you 15-20 minutes. Please give yourself sufficient time. If you schedule a 7:50AM quiz, you only have 10 minutes until class starts at 8:00. You should bring your lab notebook and a pen or pencil to write with.
7. **This is not extra credit:** But it can help your grade. If you complete all ten scheduled labs, you are welcome to complete this as well. However, you will not receive extra credit for the quiz. If you complete more than ten quizzes, only the top ten scores will count towards your grade. If there are 11 quiz scores, I will drop the lowest score and the highest ten scores will count for your grade. If you have a low quiz score on a previous lab, you might want to complete this exercise and try to replace a low score with a higher one. However, see #4 for time constraints.