

AY 204: Solar System Astronomy (3 hours) Prof. Byrd

Prerequisite: **MATH 113** or **MATH 115** or equivalent.

Discussion of orbital mechanics and of the interior structure, surface features, atmosphere, and origin of the sun, planets, and solar system. The reasons for the demotion of Pluto from planetary status and the latest discoveries of other solar systems and planets will be discussed. A good companion course for NS Laboratory credit is AY203: Observational Astronomy.

