1. What is your major and class level?

My major is Geological Science with a minor in Astronomy. Because I transferred and then switched from astrophysics to geological science I honestly am not sure of my class level. I range from a junior in credits to a freshman/sophomore in major classes.

1. What is your class work and research so far in Earth and Space Exploration (or geology or astronomy; what are the major classes you have taken, etc.)?

At ASU I have taken SESE 100, 121, 122, 123, 124 for major classes.

1. What are your interests in Earth and Space Exploration?

I have found that over the past year (probably even longer I just didn’t acknowledge it) that I have been wanting to study planetary science. Also due to my experience outside of SESE and ASU would also like to do optical astronomy.

1. What are your plans after you complete your degree?

I would like to continue on for my PhD hopefully in something pertaining with Saturn’s moon Titan.

1. What is the operating system that you know best (Windows, Macintosh, Linux/Unix)?

I know Windows best but I have semi-effect skills with linux, which I have to use at work.

1. Do you have a computer? If so, how old is it? What kind is it? What are the main pieces of software?

My Desk top computer is 8 months old and I built it myself. It is an ACPI x64- PC with AMD processors and duel ASUS monitors. I run windows 7 ultimate.

1. Which of these pieces of software have you used and what is your level of aptitude with each (beginner, intermediate, expert):
   1. Microsoft Word – intermediate/expert
   2. Microsoft Excel -- beginner
   3. Microsoft Powerpoint – intermediate/expert
   4. HTML editing software (any kind) -- none
   5. Adobe Illustrator -- none
   6. Adobe Photoshop -- none
   7. ArcGIS – I don’t know what this is
   8. Matlab – beginner/intermediate
   9. Linux/UNIX operating System -- intermediate
   10. Other programs?
2. What are the main pieces of software that you have used for your classes or research or work?

I use IDL programming for work on a linux computer. I have used Matlab in a class before. I use Open Rocket and Solidworks for my rocketry hobby.

1. Do you know about and use ASU MyApps?

Yes I have for my SES100 class. We used Matlab.

1. Do you read blogs? Have you used any collaborative internet software for classes or research (Blackboard, other listservs, Wikis, etc.)? What is effective in your opinion?

I do read blogs, none that I consistently read however. I’ve used blackboard, angel (similar to blackboard used at my old school), hipchat (I use at work), and I am constantly using google drive. I find them to be highly effective and helpful.

1. Are you active using social networking tools such as Facebook or twitter or instagram, etc.?

Yes for only facebook and Pinterest

1. What do you expect to get out of this class?

Honestly I’m not sure, but I will be excited to get more programing and computer skills if nothing else.

1. What are the main topics you would like to see covered or emphasized?

Again no clue other then applied programming.