

Fall 2025

30 minute observing sessions will begin at 9:00 PM and dismiss at 11:00 PM, on a first-come, first-served basis. Weather permitting, observing sessions will be on Mon-Tue-Wed between **26-Aug** and **15-Oct**.

Spring 2026

30 minute observing sessions will begin at 9:00 PM and dismiss at 11:00 PM, on a first-come, first-served basis. Weather permitting, observing sessions will be on Mon-Tue-Wed between **2-Mar** and **29-Apr**.

Cell phones: Please turn them off while in the observatory. They are a distraction, and the bright screens destroy your ability to see faint objects. Remember to turn them back on afterward.

Notifications: The observatory is closed on nights that are cloudy or predicted to be cloudy. The [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts are updated 1 hour before the first session, i.e. about 8 PM. We do our best to be open if the weather permits viewing, but if it unexpectedly clouds up, the observatory will close. We rely on several web sites for predicting cloud cover, including Atilla Danko's Clear Sky Chart for Lexington, KY, <https://www.cleardarksky.com/c/LxntnKYkey.html?1> and the National Weather Service cloud cover prediction: <https://forecast.weather.gov/MapClick.php?lat=38.0427&lon=-84.4595&unit=0&lg=english&FcstType=graphical>

The MacAdam Student Observatory is located on the upper deck of Parking Structure #2 at 301 Hilltop Ave, adjacent to the William T. Young Library and the Jacobs Science Building. The upper deck lights may be off; **please park below the upper deck level** as students will be present. The Off-Peak parking map can be found here:

https://transportation.uky.edu/sites/default/files/2024-06/2024_offpeak_collarless_9x16.pdf