

Fall 2019 – Spring 2020:

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. No permit is required between 7:30 PM and 5:00 AM on our observing nights. Students are requested to park on the lowest available deck to minimize vibration at the telescope. Use the south entrance to the observatory, (the door nearest to the Jacobs Science Building). The upper deck lights will be off, please use caution.

Observing sessions begin at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, and 10:30 PM.

For the fall 2019 semester, weather permitting, observing sessions will be on Mon-Tue-Wed, Aug 26 through Wednesday Oct 16.

For the spring 2020 semester, weather permitting, observing sessions will be on Mon-Tue-Wed, Mar 23 through Wednesday April 29.

The observatory will be closed for the following academic holidays:

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| Mon Sep 2 | Labor Day |
| Wed Nov 27 | Thanksgiving |
| Mon Jan 20 | Martin Luther King Day |
| Mar 16-17 | Spring Break |

You may attend one of those on a first-come-first-served basis. The [website](#), [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#) accounts are updated 1 hour before the first session. 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 (there is also a chart for Lexington, Nebraska, for example): <http://www.cleardarksky.com/c/LxntnKYkey.html?1>