



# Planning for the Future: Adding Science to Sci-Fi

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Want to bounce some ideas off a working physicist? Strap yourself in for a science survey and Q&amp;A.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How do I keep my science solid?</li> <li>○ What are some of the coolest new theories that haven't been done to death?</li> <li>○ How do I inject fun ideas without killing my story arc?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b><u>OBJECTIVES</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increase students' understanding of the Sci-Fi literary market</li> <li>▪ Highlight genre conventions, tropes, and pitfalls</li> <li>▪ Help non-scientists identify credible resources for story elements</li> </ul>
<b><u>COURSE SUMMARY</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Overview of the Sci-Fi literary market</b> (5 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Rules and subgenre</li> <li>○ Trends</li> <li>○ Tropes</li> <li>○ Reading list</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Where do I get ideas? How do I tell if an idea is "good"</b> (5 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>World-building 101</b> (10 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Aliens</li> <li>○ Space features (planets, star systems, etc)</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>How much science is TOO much science?</b> (5 min)</li> <li>▪ <b>I want to include &lt;insert idea here&gt;. Is it plausible?</b> (15 min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Weapons</li> <li>○ Communication</li> <li>○ Space Travel</li> <li>○ Time Travel</li> <li>○ Anachronistic technology</li> <li>○ Impact of tech to the soft sciences</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Q&amp;A</b> (10 min)</li> </ul>
<b><u>CONTRAINDICATIONS</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Content is subject to swerve, REDIRECT, <b>explode</b>, implode, or utterly change based on audience interest and participation.</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Relativistically speaking, fun is guaranteed.</b></li> </ul>

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