SUNSET PAPER ADVICE

BACKUP your sunset pictures after each evening that they are taken.

Proofread. Check on misspellings and improper grammar.

Make a stunning cover page. Put a beautiful picture relating to the sunset on the cover. Use a large font for the title. Make me want to read your paper first.

Make certain you have an Opening Paragraph and a Summary Paragraph, with lots of material in-between.

Make beautiful plots of your data – do not connect the dots with straight lines.

Tables and Figures need a description – they do not just appear.

Put your Tables and Figures in the appropriate location in the text. Do NOT place all of these items at the end as if these are an Appendix.

Use the correct precision – your observations are good to maybe 0.2 degrees, and nothing has the precision of 0.00000000.

“Data” are plural – “the data show that” or “the data are the best”

“Datum” is singular – “the datum shows that blah blah”

“Its” is not the same as “It’s” – use the correct one.

Possessive is “Sun’s” not “Suns”.

Think about Daylight Savings Time.

Use high quality paper. Do not use laminated paper (but it is fine for the cover page), for I have to be able to write on it.

Use a Superior Color Printer – do not use an inkjet printer.

Put your paper in a nice folder, preferably one with a clear cover. A folder is required; spiral bound is preferred. Do NOT staple it.

Do not “create” data. If you have not obtained sunset observations, take the zero. That is much better than having to go before the Student Conduct Board and getting at least a zero in the course and much more.

Proofread.