

MODULE SPECIFICATION

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Date of completion of this version of Module Specification: 25/11/2015				
Date of approval by the USP: 26/01/2016				
1. Module Title: (Full title and short title no more than 30 characters) Physics of the Universe: An Introduction to Astrophysics			2.CRN: 33100 (S4)	
3.University module code: F300 20037		4.HESA/JACS subject area code ⁱ : F300		
5.Level: Level 5	6.Credit Value: 20	7.ECTS Value ⁱⁱ : 10	8.Length of module in semesters: 2	9.Month(s) in which to be offered ⁱⁱⁱ : September
10.Module Status ^{iv} Existing	11.Title of Module being replaced (if any):		12.With effect from ^v (academic year): September 2016	
13.Originating School: School of Computing, Science & Engineering		14.Module Leader(s) Dr Keith Robinson		
15.Programme(s) in which to be offered ^{vi} : BSc (Hons) Physics BSc (Hons) Physics with Professional Experience BSc (Hons) Pure & Applied Physics BSc (Hons) Pure & Applied Physics with Professional Experience MPhys (Hons) Physics MPhys (Hons) Physics with Professional Experience MPhys (Hons) Physics with Studies in North America				
16.Pre-requisites (between levels): None		17.Co-requisites (within a level): None		
18.Indicative learning hours (breakdown of hours required) ^{vii} 200				
Lecture	46	Fieldwork		
Seminar		External visits		
Tutorial	23	Work based learning		
Project supervision		Guided independent study		131
Demonstration Practical classes and workshops		Placement		
Supervised time in studio/workshop		Year abroad		
Other – please specify ^{viii}				
19.Percentage of module taught by School(s) other than originating School: 0%				
20.Aims of Module ^{ix} : (maximum of 5)				
1. To develop a knowledge and critical understanding in the area of astrophysics including the origin and				

- limitations of the associated laws.
2. To develop analytical and numerical problem solving skills in the area of astrophysics.

21. Intended Learning Outcomes^x

Knowledge and Understanding (maximum of 5)^{xi}

On successful completion the student will be able to:

- (1) Demonstrate a critical understanding of the laws and their origins in the area of astrophysics.
- (2) Demonstrate competence in the specification of problems using the laws of astrophysics and their analytical and numerical solution.

Transferable/Key Skills and other attributes (maximum of 5)

On completion the student will have had the opportunity to:

- (4) Demonstrate Communication through written material
- (5) Demonstrate problem solving skills
- (6) Demonstrate key analytical and numerical skills

22. Module mark calculation: Method A

23. Assessment components (in chronological order of submission/examination date)

Denote final assessment component in box marked **final assessment component (99)**

Type of assessment	Identify which ILO is met by number ^{xii}	Weighting %	Duration	Word count	Component pass required ^{xiii}	E Submission	Assessment organised by
Portfolio (Set Exercises and Class Tests)	2,3	40			No	No	School
					Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Final assessment component (99) Examination	1,4,5	60	3 hours		No	No	SID
24. Is ethical approval for the module required?	No		25. Is ethical approval for an assessment component required? ^{xiv}		No		

26. Learning, teaching and assessment strategies:

The module is taught through a combination of lectures and tutorial classes

The portfolio element is a combination of class tests and set exercises.

A set of problem solving exercises is provided for guided independent learning, which forms the basis of formative assessment and feedback in the tutorial classes.

27. Syllabus outline:

The celestial sphere
Observational properties of stars
Photometry, Detectors
Spectral classification of stars; The Hertzsprung-Russell (HR) diagram
Astronomical Spectroscopy
Stellar spectra
Stellar structure
Stellar energy sources
Orbits & Kepler's Laws
Stellar Evolution
Variable stars; pulsating stars; cataclysmic variable stars – novae & supernovae

Element abundances in stars

The Sun

The Milky Way

Galaxies

Cosmology

28. Indicative texts and/or other learning materials/resources^{xv}:

After initial approval, up to date reading lists can be accessed at <https://salford.rl.talis.com/index.html>

Note: This replaces the LaSU reading lists from September 2015 onwards.

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Team Comments:

- i See UoS guidance notes on selecting JACS codes (http://www.planning.salford.ac.uk/jacs_codes/)
see HESA JACS Codes webpage <http://www.hesa.ac.uk/index.php/content/view/356/233/>
- ii The ECTS value is half of the module credit value
- iii Please indicate the month (s) in which delivery of the module will commence.
- iv Amendments to the title or credit value constitute a new module.
- v If the delivery month of the module is to be available for different intakes of a programme, please indicate this here. E.g. Module effective from Sept 2014 – to state the module is to be available for Sept 2014 intake & Feb 2014 intake.
- vi The module will only be attached to programmes specified in this section. Any approved module can be available as a stand alone module.
- vii These categories are used for the Key Information Set which currently applies only to full time undergraduate students only but please include for all students – for more information including definitions see http://www.qaa.ac.uk/Publications/InformationAndGuidance/Documents/contact_hours.pdf and http://www.hesa.ac.uk/component/option,com_studrec/task,show_file/Itemid,233/mnl,13061/href,Calculations_methods.html/#LearningandTeaching
- viii The 'other' category should not be used for learning undertaken by full undergraduate students as 'other' is not used in KIS categories
- ix The aims should express the purpose of the module.
- x The intended learning outcomes should detail the knowledge, understanding and skills that students will be able to demonstrate on successful completion.
- xi In some circumstances it may be necessary to have more than 5 intended learning outcomes. You will be asked to provide your rationale for this in discussion at the USP.
- xii For example, if the assessment is an essay and the essay meets ILOs number 1-4 and 6-7, state 1-4,6-7
- xiii If Method B is used for module mark calculation, indicate Yes to specify the assessment component(s) to be passed in order to pass the module
- xiv Please specify component(s) for which ethical approval is required.
- xv The "Indicative texts and/or learning materials/resources" box should include a maximum of five items for new modules. These should be formatted using the University's agreed referencing style for the subject area (usually APA Harvard System 6th). See http://www.salford.ac.uk/library/infolit/tool#referencing_tab for more information. The texts should normally be recent texts (i.e. within the last six years) unless they are a particularly "classic" text. For existing modules, the "Indicative texts and/or learning materials/resources" box should include a link for USP reviewers and readers to the comprehensive reading list at <http://lasu.salford.ac.uk>