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Observational astronomy 300 (PHY 300)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#)

Module credits 36.00

Programmes [BSc Geology](#)

[BSc Physics](#)

Prerequisites PHY 255 and PHY 263

Contact time 4 lectures per week, 2 discussion classes per week, 2 practicals per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Structure of the universe, navigation of the sky, spherical geometry, optical, radio and high energy physics and sources, instruments, practical observational skills, data recording, analysis, interpretation (signal and image processing, noise, calibration, error analysis). Project: A selected project in either optical or radio astronomy, resulting in a formal report and a presentation.

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