



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2019

Exploring the universe 154 (SCI 154)

Qualification Undergraduate

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

Module content

Students from all faculties are welcome to join us in our exploration of the universe from an earth-bound perspective. We reflect on the whole universe from the sub microscopic to the vast macroscopic and mankind's modest position therein. To what degree is our happiness determined by stars? Echoes from ancient firmaments - the astronomy of old civilisations. The universe is born with a bang. Stars, milky ways and planets are formed. Life is breathed into the landscape on earth, but is there life elsewhere? The architecture of the universe - distance measurements, structure of our solar system and systems of stars. How does it look like on neighbouring planets? Comets and meteorites. Life cycles of stars. Spectacular exploding stars! Exotica like pulsars and black holes.

Module credits 16.00

Programmes [BSc Computer Science](#)

[BSc Extended programme - Physical Sciences](#)

[BSc Geography](#)

[BSc Meteorology](#)

[BSc Physics](#)

Prerequisites Prohibited combination SCI 164

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Physics

Period of presentation Semester 1

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