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# **COURSE DESCRIPTION CARD - SYLLABUS**

Course name				
Modern astronomy				
Course				
Field of study		Year/Semester		
Aerospace Engineering		I/1		
Area of study (specialization)		Profile of study		
		general academic		
Level of study		Course offered in		
Second-cycle studies		Polish		
Form of study		Requirements		
full-time		compulsory		
Number of hours				
Lecture	Laboratory classes	Other (e.g. online)		
30	0			
Tutorials	Projects/seminars			
0	0			
Number of credit points				
2				
Lecturers				
Responsible for the course/lecturer:		Responsible for the course/lecturer:		
dr Krzysztof Kamiński		dr hab. inż. Agnieszka Wróblewska		

Prerequisites

1. Has knowledge in mathematics, including algebra, analysis, theory of differential equations, probabilistic, analytical geometry necessary for: description of the operation of discrete mechanical systems, understanding of computer graphics methods, description of the operation of electrical and mechatronic systems [P6S\_WG, K1A\_W01]

2. Is able to obtain information from literature, Internet, databases and other sources. Can integrate, interpret the information obtained and draw conclusions and create and justify opinions - [[P6S\_UW, P6S\_UU - K1A\_U04]

3. Has the ability to self-study using modern teaching tools, such as remote lectures, websites and databases, teaching programs, e-books [P6S\_UW, P6S\_UU - K1A\_U03]

4. Rozumie potrzebę uczenia się przez całe życie; potrafi inspirować i organizować proces uczenia się innych osób [P7S\_UU K2A\_K01]

## **Course objective**

Understanding the basic physical laws governing the universe, the properties and evolution of galaxies,



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stars, planets, small bodies and other astronomical objects. Understanding the conditions in space in the context of space missions planning.

#### **Course-related learning outcomes**

#### Knowledge

1) Has basic knowledge of the construction of the universe, in particular the stars and solar system, phenomena occurring in them, recognizing the most important objects in the celestial sphere, important issues and problems in satellite technology, as well as space exploration capabilities, principles of operation of basic types of electromagnetic radiation recorders [P7S\_WG K2A\_W07]

2) Has broadened knowledge necessary for understanding of profile field and specialist knowledge about construction, methods of construction, manufacturing, operation, air traffic management, security systems, impact on the economy, society and the aviation and aerospace environment for the specialty of aerospace engineering [[P7S\_WG, P7S\_WK K2A\_W01]

#### Skills

1) Can obtain information from literature, Internet, databases and other sources. Can integrate the information obtained and interpret conclusions and create and justify opinions [P7S\_UW, P7S\_UU; K2A\_U04]

2) Has the ability to self-study using modern teaching tools, such as remote lectures, websites and databases, teaching programs, e-books [P7S\_UW, P7S\_UU; K2A\_U03]

3) Is able to communicate using various techniques in a professional environment and other environments using a formal record of construction, technical drawing, concepts and definition of the scope of the studied field of study [P7S\_UK; K2A\_U02]

#### Social competences

1. Is ready to critically evaluate his/her knowledge and content received, recognize the importance of knowledge in solving cognitive and practical problems and to consult experts in the event of difficulties in solving the problem independently [P7S\_KK K2A\_K02]

2. Is able to properly define priorities for the implementation of tasks specified by him or others [P7S\_UO K2A\_K05]

Methods for verifying learning outcomes and assessment criteria Learning outcomes presented above are verified as follows: Written exam of the content processed in the classroom.

## **Programme content**

1. Modern ground-based and space-based astronomical observations (different electromagnetic wavelengths, neutrino observations, gravity waves observations, basic types of astronomical observations, largest modern telescopes)



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2. Structure, origin and evolution of Solar System bodies (basic properties and classification of planets, satellites, asteroids, comets and meteoroids, interplanetary matter, solar wind, cosmic rays).

3. Sun and stars (properties of stellar objects, sources of energy, stability of stars, formation and evolution of stars, stellar classification, final stages of stellar evolution: white dwarfs, neutron stars, black holes).

4. Galaxies and universe (properties of galaxies, large scale structures, cosmic microwave background radiation, origin and evolution of universe).

5. Space telescopes and space probes (selected interplanetary missions and astronomical space telescopes).

#### **Teaching methods**

Informative (conventional) lecture (providing information in a structured way) - may be of a course (introductory) or monographic (specialist) character

#### Bibliography

Basic Helen Johnston, "An Introduction to Astronomy"

http://www.physics.usyd.edu.au/~helenj/IntroductiontoAstronomy.html

Additional

Pankaj Jain, "An Introduction to Astronomy and Astrophysics"

https://archive.org/details/An\_Introduction\_to\_Astronomy\_and\_Astrophysics\_by\_Pankaj\_Jain/

#### Breakdown of average student's workload

	Hours	ECTS
Total workload	49	2,0
Classes requiring direct contact with the teacher	34	1,4
Student's own work (literature studies, preparation for	19	0,6
laboratory classes/tutorials, preparation for tests/exam, project		
preparation) <sup>1</sup>		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> delete or add other activities as appropriate