School of Physics & Astronomy

Astronomy (AS) Modules

AS1001 Astronomy and Astrophysics 1						
	SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	1	
	Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7				
	Planned timetable:	11.00 am lectures, one afternoon chosen from Mon, Wed and Fri with tutorial				

This module surveys our present state of knowledge of the orbits, surfaces and atmospheres of the planets in our solar system; the structure and evolution of the Sun and other stars, including extra-solar planetary systems; the bizarre menagerie of star-forming regions, violent stellar objects and supermassive black holes found within our own Milky Way Galaxy and in other galaxies; and the large-scale structure and ultimate fate of the expanding Universe. Throughout the module, fundamental observations are interpreted using mathematical models to show how distances and other properties of astronomical objects throughout the Universe have been measured, from the time of Copernicus to the era of the Hubble Telescope and beyond.

Programme module type:	AS1001 or AS1101 is compulsory for Astrophysics					
Pre-requisite(s):	SQA Higher or A-Level Physics and Mathematics, at grade B or better					
Required for:	AS2001, AS2101 Anti-requisite(s): AS1002, AS1101					
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 or 5 lectures, 1 tutorial and 1 x 2.5-hour laboratory.					
methous and delivery.	Scheduled learning: 90 hours	Guided independe	nt study: 110 hours			
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA:					
	Written Examinations = 60%, Practica	al Examinations = 0%,	Coursework = 40%			
	As used by St Andrews:					
	2-hour Written Examination = 60%, C	lass Tests = 15%, Labo	oratory work = 25%			
Re-Assessment:	2-hour Written Examination = 75%, Existing Laboratory work = 25%					
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A Scholz					
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr A Scholz, Prof M Jardine, Dr C Cyga	anowski, Dr R Tojeiro ((TBC)			

AS1002 The Physical Universe

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	SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	2			
Academic year:		2015/6 & 2016/7						
	Planned timetable:	11.00 am						

This module presents a descriptive, largely non-mathematical account of the physical universe. It is aimed at students from across the University. It is divided into two components: concepts in astronomy, dealing with our understandings of the properties and ages of planets, stars, galaxies, and their distributions in space, cosmology and the origin of the Universe; and concepts in physics, dealing with our understandings of the nature of light and matter, the structure of atoms, fundamental particles and their links to cosmology.

Programme module type:	Available to any degree programme.				
Anti-requisite(s):	AS1001, AS1101, PH1011, PH1012, PH2011				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 4 lectures, 1 tutorial/seminar.				
methods and delivery.	Scheduled learning: 43 hours	Guided independent study: 157 hours			
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA:				
	Written Examinations = 50%, Praction	cal Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 50%			
	As used by St Andrews:				
	2-hour Written Examination = 50%,	Coursework (2 x Class Tests) = 50%			
Re-Assessment:	2-hour Written Examination = 100%				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr H Zhao				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr M Dominik, Prof A Cameron, Dr	C Cyganowski (TBC)			

AS1101 Astrophysics (Direct Entry)

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SCOTCAT Credits:	5	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	1		
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7					
Availability restrictions:	Available only to Direct Second level Entry students in Physics or Astrophysics					
Planned timetable:	11.00 am (4 hours of lectures/tutorials every 2 weeks (weeks 1 - 8)					

This module provides a streamlined introduction to the science of astrophysics for students who have taken direct entry to Second level and who are planning to take level two astrophysics later in the same academic session. It covers the essential items of observational astrophysics and how the radiation that is detected on Earth can be used to develop a physical model of the Sun, stars, planets, our Galaxy and external galaxies as well as the Universe as a whole. Topics will include stellar evolution, the rotation curves of galaxies and the need for Dark Matter as well as the expanding Universe, Dark Energy and cosmology.

Programme module type:	Compulsory for Direct Entry to Second Year students in Astrophysics BSc and MPhys				
Pre-requisite(s):	Direct entry to level two at the University of St Andrews with a degree intention of Astrophysics, Physics, Theoretical Physics, or a joint degree with one of these.				
Co-requisite(s):	PH2011 Anti-requisite(s): AS1001, AS1002				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 1.5-hour lecture (x 8 weeks), 3-hour practical work (x 2 weeks) 1-hour tutorial (x 4 weeks)				
	Scheduled learning: 22 hours	Guided independ	dent study: 28 hours		
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 75%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 25%				
	As used by St Andrews: Coursework (Class test = 50%, laboratory work = 25%, take-home exam = 15%, online quizzes = 10%) = 100%				
Re-Assessment:	1-hour Written Examination = 75%, Existing Laboratory work = 25%				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr A-M Weijmans				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr A-M Weijmans (TBC)	<u> </u>	·		

AS2001 Astronomy and Astrophysics 2 SCOTCAT Credits: 30 SCQF Level 8 Semester: 2 Academic year: 2015/6 & 2016/7 Planned timetable: 11.00 am lectures, Tue or Thu afternoons 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm tutorial and 3.00

pm -5.30 pm lab

This module comprises four lecture courses which extend knowledge gained in the first level module AS1001 or AS1101, and discuss recent developments in the subject: (i) observational techniques - modern telescopes, instruments and detectors for gamma-, X-, uv, optical, IR and radio radiation; spherical astronomy and essential coordinate systems; (ii) the structure and evolution of stars - nucleosynthesis, stellar properties as a function of age, a complete understanding of the HR diagram; (iii) the chemical evolution of the Universe - abundances from the Big Bang to the present; (iv) galactic astronomy - the distribution and motion of stars, gas, dust, and dark matter in our Milky Way and other galaxies.

Compulsory for Astrophysics (First Year Entry)						
AS1001 or AS1101, PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002.	Anti-requisite(s):	AS2101				
Either AS2001 or AS2101 is required for AS3013, AS4010, AS4011, AS4021, AS4022, AS4023, AS4025,AS5003.						
Weekly contact: 4 lectures, 1 tutorial and 1 x 2.5-hour laboratory session.						
Scheduled learning: 78 hours	Guided independent study: 222 hours					
As defined by QAA:						
Written Examinations = 60%, Praction	cal Examinations = 0%	%, Coursework = 40%				
As used by St Andrews:						
3-hour Written Examination = 60%, 2 x Class Tests = 15%, Laboratory work = 25%						
3-hour Written Examination = 75%, Existing Laboratory work = 25%						
Dr C Helling						
Prof A Cameron, Prof K Horne, Dr N	/I Dominik, Dr C Helli	ng (TBC)				
	AS1001 or AS1101, PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002. Either AS2001 or AS2101 is required for AS3013, AS4010, AS4011, AS4021, AS4022, AS4023, AS4025, AS5003. Weekly contact: 4 lectures, 1 tutorial and 1 x 2.5-hour laboratory session. Scheduled learning: 78 hours Guided independent study: 222 hours As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40% As used by St Andrews: 3-hour Written Examination = 60%, 2 x Class Tests = 15%, Laboratory work = 25% Dr C Helling					

Planned timetable:

AS2101 Astrophysics 2 SCOTCAT Credits: 15 SCQF Level 8 Semester: 2 Academic year: 2015/6 & 2016/7 Availability restrictions: Normally available only to those who took "direct entry" to second year

This module is designed to extend the knowledge gained in the first level AS1001 or AS1101 module and to prepare the way for more advanced material appearing in the honours astrophysics modules. The module has three basic components dealing with the physics of stellar structure and evolution, the components and dynamics of galaxies and the chemical evolution of the Universe including the synthesis of the elements. The module is based on the physical principles and mathematical techniques acquired earlier, and applied to the astrophysical concepts covered in AS1001.

11.00 am lectures, plus Tue or Thu 2.00 pm -3.00 pm tutorial

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Programme module type:	Compulsory for Astrophysics (Direct Second Year Entry)				
Pre-requisite(s):	AS1001 or AS1101, MT1002, PH2011	Anti-requisite(s): AS2001			
Required for:	Either AS2001 or AS2101 is required for AS3013, AS4010, AS4011, AS4021, AS4022, AS4023, AS4025, AS5003.				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 3/4 lectures and 1 tutorial.				
inethous and delivery.	Scheduled learning: 45 hours	Guided independent study: 105 hours			
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA:				
	Written Examinations = 80%, Practi	cal Examinations = 0%	6, Coursework = 20%		
	As used by St Andrews:				
	2-hour Written Examination = 80%, 2 x Class Tests = 20%				
Re-Assessment:	2-hour Written Examination = 100%				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr C Helling				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr C Helling, Dr M Dominik, Prof K F	lorne (TBC)			

Physics (PH) Modules

PH1011 Physics 1A	011 Physics 1A					
SCOTCAT Credits	:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	1	
Academic year:		2015/6 & 2016/7				
Planned timetable	e:	12.00 noon lectur tutorial and 3.00		from five each week,	2.00 pm - 3.00 pm	
physical propertic equivalent. It incl of wave motion,	es of matter. udes lectures geometrical	re subjects of mechanics, waves and optics, and also provides an overview of the er. It is suitable for those who have studied physics to the level of Higher Physics or res on Newton's laws, work and energy, simple harmonic motion, the different types all and wave optics, and the nature and composition of nuclei, atoms, molecules and . Relevant laboratory work is an important part of the module.				
Programme mod	ule type:	Compulsory for Astrophysics, Single and Joint Honours Physics, Single and Joint Honours Theoretical Physics (First Year Entry)				
Pre-requisite(s):		SQA Higher or A-Level Physics and Mathematics, both at grade B or better, or equivalent.		Anti-requisite(s):	AS1002	
Learning and te methods and de		Weekly contact: 1 x 2.5-hour labor	• • •	, 1 problem-solving w	orkshop, 1 tutorial and	
		Scheduled learni	ng: 88 hours	Guided independ	dent study: 112 hours	
Assessment pat	tern:	As defined by QA Written Examinat		cal Examinations = 0%	, Coursework = 40%	
		As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 60%, Class Test = 15%, Laboratory Work = 25%				
Re-Assessment:		2-hour Written Resit Examination = 60%, combined with existing Laboratory Work = 25%, existing Class Test = 15%				
Module Co-ordin	ator:	Dr A Di Falco				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor	(s):	Dr L J Hadfield, D	r B D Sinclair, Dr M	Gather (TBC)		

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PH1012 P	hysics 1B							
	SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	S	emester:	2		
	Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7	7					
	Planned timetable:	12.00 noon lectu tutorial, 3.00 pm		fror	m up to five per w	veek 2.00 pm - 3.00 pm		
	introduction to lasers. The mo equivalent. It includes lecture systems; the principles of lase	T .						
	Programme module type:	Compulsory for Astrophysics, Single and Joint Honours Physics, Single and Joint Honours Theoretical Physics (First Year Entry)						
	Pre-requisite(s):	PH1011 Anti-requisite(s): AS1002			AS1002			
	Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	-	Typically 4 lectures up Discovery Project		•			
		Scheduled learni	ng: 78 hours		Guided independ	dent study: 122 hours		
	Assessment pattern:	As defined by QA Written Examina		al E	xaminations = 0%	, Coursework = 50%		
		As used by St Andrews: 2-hour Written Examination = 50%, Class Test = 10%, Laboratory work = 25%, Group Discovery Project = 15% 2-hour Written Resit Examination = 50%, combined with existing Laboratory work = 25%, and existing Group Discovery Project = 15%, existing class test 10%						
	Re-Assessment:							
	Module Co-ordinator:	Dr G P Wahl						
	Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr L J Hadfield, D	r T Brown, Dr D Cas	sset	tari (TBC)			
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PH1501 Mathematics for Physicists 1A							
	SCOTCAT Credits:	20 SCQF Level 7 Semester: 1					
	Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7					
	Availability restrictions:		Available only to those on the Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme and the Physics and Astronomy International Gateway Programme.				
	Planned timetable:	To be arranged.					

This module is designed to give physics students a secure base in elementary calculus and other mathematical tools to enable them to access the mathematics modules needed for progression into physics and astronomy degrees. Participants will learn to use this mathematics effectively and efficiently in the context of work in physics. Some of the work is a revision and practice of material that will normally have been seen in the Scottish Higher and some A-Level maths syllabuses. The content is similar to that in MT1001 and will allow students to progress to MT1002 in semester 2.

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Programme module type:	Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme				
	Physics and Astronomy International Gatway Programme				
Pre-requisite(s):	Entry to Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) or International Gateway Programmes.				
Co-requisite(s):	PH1011, PH1502 Anti-requisite(s): MT1001				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact: 5 lectures, 1 tutorial and 1 workshop.				
illetilous and delivery.	Scheduled learning: 77 hours	Guided independ	dent study: 123 hours		
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA:				
	Written Examinations = 50%, Practica	l Examinations = 0%	, Coursework = 50%		
	As used by St Andrews:				
	2-hour Written Examination = 50%, C	oursework = 50%			
Re-Assessment:	nt: 2-hour Written Examination = 100%				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr L Hadfield				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr L Hadfield				

SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	1		
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7					
Availability restrictions:	Available only to those on the Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme and the Physics and Astronomy International Gateway Programme					
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.	To be arranged.				
This module develops acader analysis, and study skills. It is a		•	•	<u> </u>		
Programme module type:	Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme Physics and Astronomy International Gateway Programme					
Pre-requisite(s):	Entry to Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) or International Gateway Programme					
Co-requisite(s):	PH1011					
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact : 2 lectures, 3 x 1.25-hour workshops, 1 x 3-hour lab, 1 x 2-hour supported study session.					
	Scheduled learn	ing: 118 hours	Guided indep	endent study: 82 hours		
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 0%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 100%					
	As used by St Andrews: Coursework = 100%					
Re-Assessment:	60% new assignments, 40% marks for the assignments that make up the first assessment specification of the module.					
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr L Hadfield					
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr L Hadfield, Dr G Smith, Dr G Turnbull (TBC)					

Physics Skills 1B					
SCOTCAT Credits:	20	SCQF Level 7	Semester:	2	
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7				
Availability restrictions:	Available only to those on the Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme and the Physics and Astronomy International Gateway Programme				
Planned timetable:	To be arranged.				
This module develops acade of physical systems, in nume for the level one programme	rical/computationa	al work applied to ph			
Programme module type:	Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) Programme				
	Physics and Astronomy International Gateway Programme				
Pre-requisite(s):	Entry to Physics and Astronomy (Gateway) or International Gateway Programme				
Co-requisite(s):	PH1012				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact : 2 lectures, 3 x 1.25-hour workshops, 1 x 3-hour lab, 1 x 2-hour supported study session				
	Scheduled learn	ing: 118 hours	Guided indepen	dent study: 82 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA:				
	Written Examinations = 0%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 100%				
	As used by St Andrews:				
	Coursework = 100%				
Re-Assessment:	60% new assignments, 40% marks for the assignments that make up the first assessment specification of the module.				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr L Hadfield				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr L Hadfield, Dr G Smith (TBC)				

PH2011 Physics 2A				
SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 8	Semester:	1
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7			
Planned timetable:	10.00 am lectures; one problem solving workshop and lab chosen from Tue, Thu or Fri (2.00 pm - 5.30 pm); one tutorial to be arranged.			
This module covers the subject for those who have taken the Higher or A-level passes or particles and rigid bodies, Eir lectures on thermal physics in	e specified first yea equivalent in phys stein's special theo	or modules in phys sics and mathema ory of relativity, fre	ics and mathemation ics. It includes lecter, forced and damp	cs, or have good Advanced tures on the dynamics of ped harmonic motion, and
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Astrophysics, Single and Joint Honours Physics, Single and Joint Honours Theoretical Physics			
Pre-requisite(s):	PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alternatively passes in Advanced Higher Physics and Mathematics or A-Level Physics and Mathematics, both normally at grade A or equivalent.			
Anti-requisite(s):	AS1002			
Required for:	PH3073, PH4038 and all other honours modules in physics and astronomy			
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact : 4 or 5 lectures, 1 workshop, 1 tutorial and 1 x 2.5-hour laboratory.			
	Scheduled learni	ng: 99 hours	Guided indepe	endent study: 201 hours
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40%			
	As used by St Andrews: 3-hour Written Examination = 60%, Class Test = 10%, Laboratory work = 25%, lectures and pre-lecture questions = 5%			aboratory work = 25%,
Re-Assessment:	3-hour Written Resit Examination = 60%, combined with existing Class Test = 10%, Laboratory Work = 25%, and lecture and pre-lecture questions = 5%.			
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr P Cruickshank			
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr P Cruickshank	, Dr G Smith, Prof S	Lee, Dr C Baily, Dr I	Leonhardt (TBC)

SCOTCAT Credits:	30	SCQF Level 8	Semester:	2	
Academic year:	2015/6 & 2016/7				
Planned timetable:	10.00 am lectures; one problem solving workshop and lab chosen from Tue, Thu or Fri (2.00 pm - 5.30 pm); one tutorial to be arranged.				
This module covers the subjetor those who have taken the Higher or A-Level passes of Schrödinger's equation in celementary introduction to the induction and circuit theory;	e specified first ye r equivalent in p Juantum mechan he electromagnet	ear modules in physichysics and matherics and its solution it field comprising e	sics and mathemati matics. It includes n for simple one-o electrostatics, magn	cs, or have good Advance lectures on the origin of dimensional potentials; a etostatics, electromagneti	
Programme module type:	Compulsory for Astrophysics, Single and Joint Honours Physics, Single and Joint Honours Theoretical Physics				
Pre-requisite(s):	PH2011*. Also PH1011, PH1012 and MT1002; alternatively passes in Advanced Higher Physics and Mathematics or A-Level Physics and Mathematics, both normally at grade A. *the School may be willing to waive in special cases.				
Required for:	AS4010, AS4011, PH3007, PH3081, PH3082, PH4022, and all other AS and PH modules at levels 3, 4, and 5.				
Learning and teaching methods and delivery:	Weekly contact : 4 or 5 lectures, 1 workshop, 1 tutorial and 1 x 2.5-hour laboratory.				
	Scheduled learn	ning: 98 hours	Guided indep	endent study: 202 hours	
Assessment pattern:	As defined by QAA: Written Examinations = 60%, Practical Examinations = 0%, Coursework = 40%				
	As used by St Andrews: 3-hour Written Examination = 60%, Class Test = 10%, Laboratory work = 25 lecture and pre-lecture questions = 5%			aboratory work = 25% ,	
Re-Assessment:	3-hour Written Resit Examination = 60%, combined with existing Class Test = 10%, Laboratory Work = 25% and lecture and pre-lecture questions = 5%.				
Module Co-ordinator:	Dr P Cruickshank				
Lecturer(s)/Tutor(s):	Dr P Cruickshank, Dr C Baily, Dr B Sinclair (TBC)				