Master degree programme Astronomy

Appendices to the Teaching and Examination Regulations

Appendix A Aim of the degree programme (art. 1.3)

The degree programme aims to train the students in such a way that they acquire the insight, skills and knowledge that allows the recipient of the degree to establish a professional career in the field of Astronomy.

Appendix B Specializations of degree programme (art. 2.2)

The degree programme has the following specializations:

- Theoretical and Observational Astronomy
- Instrumentation and Informatics
- Science, Business and Policy

Appendix C Content of degree programme (art. 2.3)

Specialization Theoretical and Observational Astronomy

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Advanced astrophysics courses	30	see appendix D	see app. D
Optional courses in science	20	see appendix D	see app. D
Optional courses	10	see appendix D	see app. D
Master research / thesis	60	assessment of performance, report, presentation,	
		attendance Astronomy colloquium	

Specialization Instrumentation and Informatics

module	ECTS	assessment	practical	
Advanced astrophysics courses	10	see appendix D	see app. D	
Optional courses in Instrumentation	10	see appendix D	see app. D	
and Informatics				
Principles of Measurement Systems	5	written examination		
Control Engineering	5	written examination		
Applied Signal Processing	5	written examination		
Basic Detection Techniques	5	written examination		
Astronomical Space Missions	5	written examination		
Numerical Mathematics 2	5	written examination		
Project Information Technology	10	assessment of performance, report, presentation		
Internship in Industry	20	assessment of performance, report, presentation		
Master research / thesis	40	assessment of performance, report, presentation,		
		attendance Astronomy colloquium		

Specialization Science, Business and Policy

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Advanced astrophysics courses	30	see appendix D	see app. D
Course Science, Business and Policy	20	assignment, exam	
Internship Science, Business and	40	assessment of performance, reports	
Policy			
Master research / thesis	30	assessment of performance, report, presentation ,	
		attendance Astronomy colloquium	

Appendix D Optional modules (art. 2.4)

Advanced Astrophysics Courses

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Formation and Evolution of Galaxies	5	written examination	
Dynamics of Galaxies	5	written examination, assignments	
Stellar Structure and Evolution	5	written examination	
Large Scale Structure of the Universe	5	written and oral reports, assignments	
Active Galaxies	5	written examination	
High Energy Astrophysics	5	as in due time determined by the lecturer	
Basic Detection Techniques	5	written examination	
Astronomical Space Missions	5	written examination, assignments	
Star and Planet Formation	5	written examination	
Virtual Observations	5	written examination, assignments	
Inter Academy Course	5	written examination	
Gravitational Lensing	3	oral examination, paper	
Milky way	3	presentation, paper	
Dark Matter in Galaxies	3	written examination, paper	
Epoch of Reionisation Physics	3	written examination, paper	
HI in the Universe	3	preesentation, paper	
High Redshift Galaxies	3	written examination, paper	
Dwarf Galaxies	3	written examination, paper	
The Cosmic Web	3	written examination, paper	
Starburst Galaxies	3	presentations, paper	

Optional Courses in Science

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Optional courses at master level in	5	as indicated in appendix C or D of the	
Mathematics, Physics, Astronomy		corresponding MSc Programme	
Chemistry or Computer Science			

Optional Courses

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Optional courses in any field taught at	5	as indicated in appendix C or D of the	
the university, on individual approval		corresponding programme	
of the Board of Examiners			

Optional Courses in Instrumentation and Informatics

module	ECTS	assessment	practical
Accelerator Physics and Ion Optics	5	oral examination	
Device Physics	5	written examination	
Experimental Methods of Trace Gas	5	written examination, report	
Research			
Imaging Techniques in Radiology	5	as indicated in appendix C or D of	as indicated in appendix C or D of
		the MSc programme in Biomedical	the MSc programme in Biomedical
		Engineering	Engineering
Interferometry	5	written examination	
Laser Cooling and Trapping	5	oral examination	
Scientific Visualization	5	as indicated in appendix C or D of	as indicated in appendix C or D of
		the MSc programme in Computer	the MSc programme in Computer
		Science	Science
Virtual Observations	5	written examination, assignments	

Appendix E Entry requirements (art. 3.1)

For students admitted to the programme there are no entry requirements for the individual modules.

Appendix F Admission requirements (art. 4.1 and 4.2)

Holders of the following Bachelor's degrees from the University of Groningen are considered to have sufficient knowledge and skills and will be admitted to the Master's degree programme in Astronomy on that basis: - BSc Sterrenkunde

Appendix G Application deadlines for admission (art. 4.5)

Deadlines for application are:

June 1st for EU students April 15th for non-EU students