



## Sirius A – Study Association for Astronomy

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Dear future student,

Doing your Astronomy studies in Groningen has several major advantages. Apart from the fact that Groningen is, of course, the greatest city with a latitude north of the Mediterranean, the Kapteyn Astronomical Institute of the University of Groningen also hosts the only study association uniquely for Astronomy in the Netherlands. Of course, membership is completely open to anyone with an avid interest in space and/or related topics, but our activities are primarily targeted at and tailored to the needs of astronomy students. Besides a wide range of fun social activities, we also organize a lot of specific study-related activities that you will only find in Sirius A, including but not limited to:

- Astronomy-themed dinners;
- Stargazing excursions to the countryside;
- The opportunity to do projects with telescopes in our Practical Astronomy Crew;
- Student or company talks about interesting Astronomy related topics (S.T.A.R. Talks).

We have members from all creeds and years, from 1st years to 2nd year master students, and even including PhD's. On top of that we have multiple postdocs and Kapteyn staff members coming to our events as well. We have a boardroom in Nijenborgh (NB 5117.0301) where you can always stop by to have something to drink or have a chat with the Board. Much like the bridge of a starship, there will always be someone there to maintain our course. Besides that, our association is very close to the Kapteyn Institute, making Kapteynborg our home.

An important note to keep in mind is that our association is remarkably young – establishment is 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2016 - we, much like a collapsing protostar, are still accreting members and support in order to grow. Sirius A has only just begun its ascent, and we welcome you eagerly to join our adventure - our committees still have room for enthusiastic first-year students, so don't hesitate to sign up!

**For more information about Sirius A and how to sign up, you can visit [our website!](#)**

**If you want to chat with your fellow first-years, you can join this [Whatsapp group!](#)**

On behalf of the board, yours astronomically,

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*Chair of Sirius A*