Hot Topics in Astrophysics

COURSE EVALUATION

Course Code: FAS045 (CTH), AS3400 (GU)
Semester: Period 2-4
Credit Units: 5
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1 Structure

The seminary form has worked nicely. The whole form of listening to different talks has been relaxed and nice. Some talks were too long though. A more specific ending time of the talks would be good for the speaker, students as well as other listeners. In the future the course should be more adjusted to other courses so no talks will be during vacations or examination weeks.

2 Content

Most of the talks have been at a good level. Elementary knowledge in physics, math and astronomy is enough to manage the course, but it has still been a challenge to follow everything (which is good!)

3 Organisation

Alessandro has given good information during the course and have been very engaged. Ha has been inspiring and encouraging during our work. The time (10.30) has been good, and we have had the opportunity to discuss our own work before the talks if needed.

4 Examination

To keep own talks is a logical form of examination to a course like this. The opportunity to keep talks to a smaller group is good, even though it would have been good to have this opportunity from the beginning if wanted, since a talk in English can be quite hard for some students. The ”pre-talks” were very good. It gave the possibility to practice and it also made it possible to arrange the different speeches so that the overlap was not too big between the student speeches.

Maybe an hour or two of practice in preparing talks would be nice as future part in the course. There is material on the Internet possible to use for this purpose. Check Eleanor Campbells course page for the course in atomary physics for instance.

The program ”Latex” isn’t easy accessible for non physics students.

5 Overall point of view

A good course with a very inspiring organiser.