COURSE OUTLINE

(1) GENERAL

SCHOOL	School of Sciences		
ACADEMIC UNIT	Physics Department		
LEVEL OF STUDIES	Undergraduate		
COURSE CODE	**408**	**SEMESTER**	**5, 7**
COURSE TITLE	Introduction to astrophysics		

INDEPENDENT TEACHING ACTIVITIES *if credits are awarded for separate components of the course, e.g. lectures, laboratory exercises, etc. If the credits are awarded for the whole of the course, give the weekly teaching hours and the total credits*	**WEEKLY TEACHING HOURS**	**CREDITS**
	4	5
Add rows if necessary. The organisation of teaching and the teaching methods used are described in detail at (d).		

COURSE TYPE *general background, special background, specialised general knowledge, skills development*	General background
PREREQUISITE COURSES:	
LANGUAGE OF INSTRUCTION and EXAMINATIONS:	Greek
IS THE COURSE OFFERED TO ERASMUS STUDENTS	Yes
COURSE WEBSITE (URL)	http://ecourse.uoi.gr/course/view.php?id=235

(2) LEARNING OUTCOMES

Learning outcomes

The course learning outcomes, specific knowledge, skills and competences of an appropriate level, which the students will acquire with the successful completion of the course are described.

Consult Appendix A

- *Description of the level of learning outcomes for each qualifications cycle, according to the Qualifications Framework of the European Higher Education Area*
- *Descriptors for Levels 6, 7 & 8 of the European Qualifications Framework for Lifelong Learning and Appendix B*
- *Guidelines for writing Learning Outcomes*

The course introduces students to the basic principles of astrophysics. Upon successful completion of this course students should be able to:

- **know the physical parameters related to the structure, evolution, and final stages of stars.**
- **describe the most important features of the Sun and its activity.**
- **know the most important features of the members of our planetary system.**
- **recognize the structure of the Milky Way Galaxy and other galaxies.**
- **present the up-to-date views about the structure and evolution of the**

Universe.

General Competences

Taking into consideration the general competences that the degree-holder must acquire (as these appear in the Diploma Supplement and appear below), at which of the following does the course aim?

Search for, analysis and synthesis of data and information, with the use of the necessary technology	*Project planning and management*
Adapting to new situations	*Respect for difference and multiculturalism*
Decision-making	*Respect for the natural environment*
Working independently	*Showing social, professional and ethical responsibility and sensitivity to gender issues*
Team work	*Criticism and self-criticism*
Working in an international environment	*Production of free, creative and inductive thinking*
Working in an interdisciplinary environment	*……*
Production of new research ideas	*Others…*
	…….

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- Working independently.
- Production of free, creative and inductive thinking.

(3) SYLLABUS

Mechanisms of emission and absorption of radiation. Radiative transfer in stellar atmospheres. Stellar magnitudes and distances. Stellar spectra and classification, Hertzsprung-Russell diagram. Internal structure, formation and evolution of stars. Final stages of stars: white dwarfs, neutron stars and black holes. The Sun and the solar system. Variable and peculiar stars. Stellar groups and clusters. Interstellar matter. The Milky Way Galaxy. Other galaxies. Cosmology.

(4) TEACHING and LEARNING METHODS - EVALUATION

DELIVERY *Face-to-face, Distance learning, etc.*	Face-to-face teaching.
USE OF INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY *Use of ICT in teaching, laboratory education, communication with students*	The Moodle e-learning platform is used for the delivery of lecture notes and exercises to the students.

TEACHING METHODS

The manner and methods of teaching are described in detail. Lectures, seminars, laboratory practice, fieldwork, study and analysis of bibliography, tutorials, placements, clinical practice, art workshop, interactive teaching, educational visits, project, essay writing, artistic creativity, etc.

The student's study hours for each learning activity are given as well as the hours of non-directed study according to the principles of the ECTS

Activity	*Semester workload*	
Lectures	39	
Exercises	13	
Study & analysis of bibliography	47	
Non-directed study	23	
Examination	3	
Course total	***125***	

STUDENT PERFORMANCE EVALUATION *Description of the evaluation procedure* *Language of evaluation, methods of evaluation, summative or conclusive, multiple choice questionnaires, short-answer questions, open-ended questions, problem solving, written work, essay/report, oral examination, public presentation, laboratory work, clinical examination of patient, art interpretation,*	Written examination at the end of semester.

other *Specifically-defined evaluation criteria are given, and if and where they are accessible to students.*	

(5) ATTACHED BIBLIOGRAPHY

- Suggested bibliography:

- "Introduction to Astrophysics", C. E. Alissandrakis, Papazisis Publications, ISBN: 978-960-02-3058-1 (in Greek).
- "Astrophysics, volume I", F. Shu, Crete University Press, ISBN: 978-960-7309-16-7 (in Greek).
- "Astrophysics, volume II", F. Shu, Crete University Press, ISBN: 978-960-7309-17-4 (in Greek).