

Module title		Abbreviation
Numerical Methods in Astrophysics		11-NMA-092-m01
Module coordinator		Module offered by
Managing Director of the Institute of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics		Faculty of Physics and Astronomy
ECTS	Method of grading	Only after succ. compl. of module(s)
6	numerical grade	--
Duration	Module level	Other prerequisites
1 semester	graduate	Certain prerequisites must be met to qualify for admission to assessment. The lecturer will inform students about the respective details at the beginning of the course. Registration for the course will be considered a declaration of will to seek admission to assessment. If students have obtained the qualification for admission to assessment over the course of the semester, the lecturer will put their registration for assessment into effect. Students who meet all prerequisites will be admitted to assessment in the current or in the subsequent semester. For assessment at a later date, students will have to obtain the qualification for admission to assessment anew.
Contents		
Various methods used in astrophysical simulations with special emphasis on their applications. N-body algorithms (tree- and polynomial codes). Particle-mesh methods (particle-in-cell methods). Vlasov methods (e.g., Lattice-Boltzmann). Hyperbolic conservation laws (fluid dynamics, finite difference method, Riemann solver, ENO). Methods of high-performance computing. Message-passing interface (MPI). GPGPU programming (OpenCL).		
Intended learning outcomes		
The students are able to solve typical problems and equations of Astrophysics and other subdisciplines of Physics with the help of numerical simulations. They are especially capable of choosing adequate strategies to approach such problems and of validating the results.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language – if other than German)		
V + Ü (no information on SWS (weekly contact hours) and course language available)		
Method of assessment (type, scope, language – if other than German, examination offered – if not every semester, information on whether module is creditable for bonus)		
a) written examination (approx. 90 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each or oral examination in groups (approx. 30 minutes per candidate, for modules with less than 4 ECTS credits approx. 20 minutes) or c) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages, time to complete: 1 to 4 weeks) or d) presentation/seminar presentation (approx. 30 minutes) Assessment offered: When and how often assessment will be offered depends on the method of assessment and will be announced in due form under observance of Section 32 Subsection 3 ASPO (general academic and examination regulations) 2009. Language of assessment: German, English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in

Bachelor' degree (1 major) Physics (2010)
Bachelor' degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2009)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematics (2010)
Master's degree (1 major) Physics (2010)
Master's degree (1 major) FOKUS Physics (2010)