

Module title		Abbreviation
Computational Astrophysics		11-NMA-161-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	--
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 (OPEN-CL).		
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 (3) + R (1) Module taught in: German or English		
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 to 120 minutes) or b) oral examination of one candidate each (approx. 30 minutes) or c) oral examination in groups (groups of 2, approx. 30 minutes per candidate) or d) project report (approx. 8 to 10 pages) or e) presentation/talk (approx. 30 minutes). If a written examination was chosen as method of assessment, this may be changed and assessment may instead take the form of an oral examination of one candidate each or an oral examination in groups. If the method of assessment is changed, the lecturer must inform students about this by four weeks prior to the original examination date at the latest. Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester Language of assessment: German and/or English		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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Workload		
180 h		
Teaching cycle		
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Referred to in LPO I (examination regulations for teaching-degree programmes)		
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Module appears in		
Master's degree (1 major) Physics (2016) Master's degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2016) Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)		

Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2016)
Master's degree (1 major) Physics (2020)
Master's teaching degree Gymnasium MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2020)
Supplementary course MINT Teacher Education PLUS, Elite Network Bavaria (ENB) (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2020)
Master's degree (1 major) Mathematical Physics (2022)
exchange program Physics (2023)