

Module title		Abbreviation
Theory of Relativity		11-RTT-Int-201-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		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mathematical Foundations 2. Differential forms 3. Brief Summary of the special relativity 4. Elements of differential geometry 5. Electrodynamics as an example of a relativistic gauge theory 6. Field equations of the fundamental structure of general relativity 7. Stellar equilibrium and other astrophysical applications 8. Introduction to cosmology 		
Intended learning outcomes		
Familiarity with the basic physical and mathematical concepts of general relativity. Mathematical understanding of the formulation in terms of differential forms. Understanding of the formal similarity between electrodynamics and the theory of general relativity, viewing both of them as gauge theories. Application of the theory to simple models of stellar equilibrium. First contact with elements of cosmology.		
Courses (type, number of weekly contact hours, language — if other than German)		
V (3) + R (1) Module taught in: 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)		
<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Language of assessment: English</p> <p>Assessment offered: In the semester in which the course is offered and in the subsequent semester</p>		
Allocation of places		
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Additional information		
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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 International (2020)		