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# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

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## Exploring the universe 154 (SCI 154)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BSc Extended programme - Physical Sciences</a> <a href="#">BSc Geography</a> <a href="#">BSc Meteorology</a> <a href="#">BSc Physics</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Prohibited combination SCI 164
<b>Contact time</b>	4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Physics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Students from all faculties are welcome to join us in our exploration of the universe from an earth-bound perspective. We reflect on the whole universe from the sub microscopic to the vast macroscopic and mankind's modest position therein. To what degree is our happiness determined by stars? Echoes from ancient firmaments - the astronomy of old civilisations. The universe is born with a bang. Stars, milky ways and planets are formed. Life is breathed into the landscape on earth, but is there life elsewhere? The architecture of the universe - distance measurements, structure of our solar system and systems of stars. How does it look like on neighbouring planets? Comets and meteorites. Life cycles of stars. Spectacular exploding stars! Exotica like pulsars and black holes.

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