1. **Title of the module**

PHYS3040 (PH304) – Introduction to Astronomy and Light

1. **Division or partner institution which will be responsible for management of the module**

Division of Natural Sciences

1. **The level of the module (Level 4, Level 5, Level 6 or Level 7)**

Level 4

1. **The number of credits and the ECTS value which the module represents**

15 Credits (7.5 ECTS)

1. **Which term(s) the module is to be taught in (or other teaching pattern)**

Autumn

1. **Prerequisite and co-requisite modules**

None

1. **The course(s) of study to which the module contributes**

Compulsory for:

Physics (BSc, BSc with Foundation Year, BSc with a Year in Industry, MPhys, MPhys with a Year Abroad).

Physics with Astrophysics (BSc, BSc with a Year in Industry, MPhys, MPhys with a Year Abroad).

Astronomy Space Science and Astrophysics (BSc, BSc with a Year in Industry, MPhys, MPhys with a Year Abroad).

Not available as an elective module choice.

1. **The intended subject specific learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

8.1 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the laws of physics in the areas of optics and introductory astronomy.

8.2 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical quantities, their units, and typical values, for optics and introductory astronomy.

8.3 Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of physical phenomena, the terminology used to describe them, and typical circumstances in which they are found to occur, for optics and introductory astronomy.

8.4 Formulate and solve problems in optics and introductory astronomy.

8.5 Quantitatively describe and predict optics and introductory astronomy phenomena using mathematics.

8.6 Comment critically on how telescopes are designed, their principles of operation or their use in astronomy.

1. **The intended generic learning outcomes.  
   On successfully completing the module students will be able to:**

9.1 Demonstrate problem solving skills.

9.2 Demonstrate investigative skills (including information retrieval).

9.3 Demonstrate analytical skills (including working with details and evaluating ideas).

9.4 Demonstrate personal skills working independently (e.g. to use initiative and originality, be organised and meet deadlines).

9.5 Demonstrate ICT skills (e.g. to use Moodle and internet resources).

1. **A synopsis of the curriculum**

This module provides an introduction to astronomy, beginning with our own solar system and extending to objects at the limits of the universe. Straightforward mathematics is used to develop a geometrical optics model for imaging with lenses and mirrors, and this is then used to explore the principles of astronomical telescopes.

1. **Reading list (Indicative list, current at time of publication. Reading lists will be published annually)**

Carrol, B., and Ostlie, D. (2017). *An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics.* (Second Edition). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press

Morison, I. (2008). *Introduction to Astronomy and Cosmology*. New York: Wiley

Tipler, P. and Mosca, G. (2008). *Physics for Scientists and Engineers* (Sixth Edition). London: Palgrave Macmillan

1. **Learning and teaching methods**

Total Contact Hours: 30

Total Private Study Hours: 120

Total Study Hours: 150

1. **Assessment methods**
   1. Main assessment methods

* Problem Set 1 (4 hours) – 10%
* Problem Set 2 (4 hours) – 10%
* Examination (2 hours) – 80%

13.2 Reassessment methods

* Like-for-like

1. ***Map of module learning outcomes (sections 8 & 9) to learning and teaching methods (section12) and methods of assessment (section 13)***

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| **Module learning outcome** | *8.1* | *8.2* | *8.3* | *8.4* | *8.5* | *8.6* | *9.1* | *9.2* | *9.3* | *9.4* | *9.5* |
| **Learning/ teaching method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Private Study | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Lecture | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |  | **x** |  |  |
| Problem Solving | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| **Assessment method** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Problem Set | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |
| Examination | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** | **x** |

1. **Inclusive module design**

The Division recognises and has embedded the expectations of current equality legislation, by ensuring that the module is as accessible as possible by design. Additional alternative arrangements for students with Inclusive Learning Plans (ILPs)/declared disabilities will be made on an individual basis, in consultation with the relevant policies and support services.

The inclusive practices in the guidance (see Annex B Appendix A) have been considered in order to support all students in the following areas:

a) Accessible resources and curriculum

b) Learning, teaching and assessment methods

1. **Campus(es) or centre(s) where module will be delivered**

Canterbury

1. **Internationalisation**

The topics to be covered in this module were developed collaboratively by scientists in many countries over the course of centuries. Throughout the teaching of this module emphasis will be made on how contributions from scientists in different countries, each having their own science culture, interacted to create the knowledge we have today, which like all established scientific knowledge transcends national boundaries.

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**Revision record – all revisions must be recorded in the grid and full details of the change retained in the appropriate committee records.**

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