Swansea University
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FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT HANDBOOK

YEAR 1 (FHEQ LEVEL 4)

BSC ASTROPHYSICS

DEGREE PROGRAMMES

SUBJECT SPECIFIC
PART TWO OF TWO
MODULE AND COURSE STRUCTURE
2025-26

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IMPORTANT

Term Dates

The 25-26 academic year begins on 29 September 2025

Full term dates can be found here

Academic Integrity

Swansea University and the Faculty of Science of Engineering takes any form of **academic misconduct** very seriously. In order to maintain academic integrity and ensure that the quality of an Award from Swansea University is not diminished, it is important to ensure that all students are judged on their ability. No student should have an unfair advantage over another as a result of academic misconduct - whether this is in the form of **Plagiarism**, **Collusion** or **Commissioning**.

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Please ensure that you read the University webpages covering the topic – procedural guidance here and further information here. You should also read the Faculty Part One handbook fully, in particular the pages that concern Academic Misconduct/Academic Integrity.

The difference between compulsory and core modules

Compulsory modules must be **pursued** by a student.

Core modules must not only be **pursued**, but also **passed** before a student can proceed to the next level of study or qualify for an award. Failures in core modules must be redeemed.

Further information can be found under “Modular Terminology” on the following link - https://myuni.swansea.ac.uk/academic-life/academic-regulations/taught-guidance/essential-info-taught-students/your-programme-explained/

Key Programme Staff

Physics Programme Director	Physics Year 1 Coordinator
Dr Timothy Burns	Dr Aled Isaac

Year 1 (FHEQ Level 4) 2025/26
Astrophysics
BSc Astrophysics[F510]
BSc Astrophysics with a Year Abroad[F51A]
BSc Astrophysics with a Year in Industry[F51I]

Compulsory Modules

Semester 1 Modules	Semester 2 Modules
PH-100 **Classical Mechanics** **20 Credits** **Prof GAP Aarts** **CORE**	**PH-115** **Quantum Mechanics I** **20 Credits** **Dr T Burns** **CORE**
PH-104 **Astronomy and Cosmology** **10 Credits** **Dr SG Roberts** **CORE**	**PH-116** **Special Relativity** **10 Credits** **Dr El Zavala Carrasco** **CORE**
PH-132 **Mathematics for Physicists I** **20 Credits** **Prof CR Allton** **CORE**	**PH-133** **Mathematics for Physicists II** **20 Credits** **Prof CR Allton** **CORE**
Total 120 Credits	

Optional Modules
Choose exactly 10 credits

PH-109	Practical Physics I	Dr CA Isaac	TB1	10 (CORE)
PH-109C	Ffiseg Ymarferol I	Dr CA Isaac	TB1	10 (CORE)

And
Choose exactly 10 credits

PH-110	Practical Physics II	Dr CA Isaac/Prof PR Dunstan	TB2	10 (CORE)
PH-110C	Ffiseg Ymarferol II	Dr CA Isaac	TB2	10 (CORE)