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ADD ON COURSE 2021-22

**Name of the Programme : OBSERVING THE SKY WITH STELLARIUM
AND BEYOND**

Name of the Department : PHYSICS

Course Code : PY 093



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NO OF STUDENTS ENROLLED : **23**

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Add on Course

Syllabus

Observing the Sky with Stellarium and beyond (30 Hours)

Unit 1: What is Stellarium (10 hours)

Introduction, Different Sky watching softwares, Stellarium- A free software, How can we download it and install on our computer. Setting our position in it, making it to ready to use. Basic operations on stellarium-Zoom in and zoom out, go to a particular date and time. Setting our position on different places on Earth-Setting our position on Moon or other planets.

Unit 2: Constellations in stellarium and Sky (10 Hours)

What is a constellation and what is the difference between a star group (ie an open cluster or a globular cluster) and constellations. Identifying constellations using the full figure using stellarium and identifying the constellation on night sky, total number of constellations, the zodiac and twelve important constellations, Sun and Moon's motion through zodiac constellations, identifying the boundaries of constellations, celestial equator and ecliptic, the two equinox points- a discussion on Precession of equinox.

Unit 3: Planets, Deep sky objects and celestial coordinate systems (10 Hours)

Identifying Five bright planet in night sky with the help of stellarium. Zooming out the planets and identifying their clear appearance and their satellites, the ring system of Saturn, Observing virtually the distant planets such as Uranus and Neptune. At first identifying deep sky objects such as Andromeda galaxy and Orion nebula with naked eye using stellarium in a clear night sky. Uses of stellarium: Observing eclipses of past and future using stellarium, transit of different planets. Identifying different Open Clusters and nebulas in the night sky. Celestial coordinate systems (alt –azimuth and equatorial (RA-Declination) coordinates) using stellarium.

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St.Michael's College, Cherthala

Department Of Physics

Observing the Sky with Stellarium and beyond

Class Schedule Format 2021-2022

| Department: Physics | | Course: Observing the Sky with Stellarium and beyond | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|---|-------------------------|---------------|
| Date | Day | Time | Name of Teacher | Class Room No |
| 9/6/2021 | 1 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 9/7/2021 | 2 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |
| 9/8/2021 | 3 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Saneesh Sebastian | A12 |
| 9/11/2021 | 4 | 9.30 to 3.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 9/13/2021 | 5 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 9/15/2021 | 6 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |
| 9/17/2021 | 7 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Saneesh Sebastian | A12 |
| 9/18/2021 | 8 | 9.30 to 3.30 | Dr.Saneesh Sebastian | A12 |
| 9/21/2021 | 9 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 9/23/2021 | 10 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |
| 9/24/2021 | 11 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Saneesh Sebastian | A12 |
| 9/25/2021 | 12 | 9.30 to 3.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |
| 9/27/2021 | 13 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 9/28/2021 | 14 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |
| 9/30/2021 | 15 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Saneesh Sebastian | A12 |
| 10/1/2021 | 16 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Mini P A | A12 |
| 10/4/2021 | 17 | 3.30 to 4.30 | Dr.Dhwajam D B | A12 |

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Add on course examination
Observing the sky with Stellarium and beyond

Time : 1.5 hrs

Max. Marks : 40

Part A

Write **all** questions. Each carrying **One mark**

1. What is Stellarium?
2. What is Zodiac?
3. Write the total number of constellations
4. Which is the brightest star in the night sky?
5. Which is the largest planet in our solar system?

Part B

Write **any Four** questions. Each carry **Two marks**

6. Write down the names of two sky watching softwares.
7. What are constellations?
8. What are Open Clusters? Give one example.
9. Explain the terms Ecliptic and Celestial Equator
10. What is mean by Eclipse?
11. What is mean by a Galaxy and give two examples.

Part C

Write **any Three** questions. Each carrying **four marks**

12. Explain the Precession of equinox.
13. Explain the zodiac constellations with examples
14. What is Mean by transit of a planet. Explain how can be find it by Stellarium.
15. Explain how can we use stellarium to predict the eclipses.
16. Briefly describe the different Celestial coordinate systems.

Part D

Write **any one** question. Carrying **fifteen marks**

17. Write a note on stellarium. Its working and uses in night sky watching.
18. Explain the terms: (a) Zodiac (b) Celestial Coordinates (c) Zodiac Constellations (d) deep Sky objects (e) Nebula.

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Mark List

Discipline : PHYSICS

Course Title :Observing the sky with Stellarium and beyond

Date of Examination : 11/03/2022

Maximum Marks: 30

| SI No | Candidate Code | Name of the Student | Mark Obtained |
|-------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | 23019136001 | ADARSH K. O. | 20 |
| 2 | 23019136002 | AERNEST J GEORGE | 23 |
| 3 | 23019136003 | AJAY IMMANUEL P J | 23 |
| 4 | 23019136004 | ALEENA K Y | 21 |
| 5 | 23019136005 | ALENPAUL JACOB | 23 |
| 6 | 23019136006 | ARATHY H | 25 |
| 7 | 23019136007 | AROMAL C. | 22 |
| 8 | 23019136008 | BHAVIKA BABU | 23 |
| 9 | 23019136009 | HARI JOHN | 23 |
| 10 | 23019136010 | KARTHIK SURYA | nil |
| 11 | 23019136011 | LAYA S | 22 |
| 12 | 23019136012 | RAJALEKSHMI R | 21 |
| 13 | 23019136013 | SRADHA S | 24 |
| 14 | 23019136016 | ABHISURYA P PANKAJ | 28 |
| 15 | 23019136017 | AKSHAY JOSEPH | 22 |
| 16 | 23019136018 | ANSILA SALI | 26 |
| 17 | 23019136019 | GEETHU H | 26 |
| 18 | 23019136020 | JIYA JOSY | 24 |
| 19 | 23019136021 | JOSE FREDIN | 21 |
| 20 | 23019136022 | JOSHWA BENNY | 22 |
| 21 | 23019136023 | MARIA MANUEL | 26 |
| 22 | 23019136024 | SANGEETHA.S.K | 26 |
| 23 | 23019136025 | SRUTHY S | 25 |



Report of ADD ON Programe 2021 – 2022

“Observing the sky with Stellarium and beyond”

Department of physics conduct an ADD ON course in the academic year 2021 – 2022 “Observing night sky with Stellarium and beyond”. Its aim is to improve the astronomical aptitude of students especially the night sky watching using the free software ‘Stellarium’. Also classes are conducted for get a knowledge about Celestial Sphere, Celestial coordinates and sky watching.

Students gave a good response to the classes and they attended the whole programme interestingly. They studied the whole three chapters and got good grade in all the class test and final examination.

Generally the ADD ON programme in this year was success full and they all get good scores.




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