Active Galactic Nuclei (OA) - AGN

Degree - M.Sc. in Astrophysics (PO von 2014)

Module	**Elective Advanced Lectures: Observational Astronomy**
Module No.	astro840

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Category	**Type**	**Language**	**Teaching hours**	**CP**	**Semester**
Elective	Lecture with exercises	English	2+1	4	ST

Requirements for Participation:

Preparation: Astrophysics I (Astrophysics II recommended)

Form of Testing and Examination: Oral examination

Length of Course: 1 semester

Aims of the Course:

Understanding of fundamental concepts and physical radiation mechanisms for active galactic nuclei

Like Seyfert-galaxies, QSOs, quasars, and violently variable objects.

Contents of the Course:

The lecture introduces to basic aspects of active galactic nuclei:

Types of sources HII-galaxies, LINERs, Seyfert I, Seyfert II, QSO I , QSO II, BLLac /OVV-sources

Structure of an active nucleus: Broad line region (BLR), Narrow line region (NLR) and extended narrow line region (ionization cone).

Forbidden and permitted line transitions as density and temperature probes

Continuum emission processes: free-free and synchrotron radiation

Radio galaxies, jets and lobes as well as super luminal motion in jets.

Recommended Literature:

Binney and Merryfield, Galactic Astronomy (Princeton University Press)

Binney and Tremaine, Galactic Dynamics (Princeton University Press)

Carroll and Ostlie, An Introduction to Modern Astrophysics (Addison-Wesley)

Schneider, Einführung in die extragalaktische Astronomie & Kosmologie (Springer, Berlin)

Shu, The Physics of Astrophysics I & II (University Science Books, Mill Valley)

Tielens, The Physics and Chemistry of the Interstellar Medium (Cambridge University Press)

Unsöld and Baschek, Der neue Kosmos (Springer, Berlin)

Weigert and Wendker, Astronomie und Astrophysik (VCH Verlag)