Study programmes: BACHELOR STUDIES – Astronomy and Astrophysics

Course name: Mechanics

Lecturers: Božidar Nikolić and other lecturers

Status: Compulsory

ECTS: 10

Attendance prerequisites: No prerequisites.

Course aims: Understanding of the basic laws of mechanics: Newton laws and conservation laws. Attaining a skill of estimation based on the solid physical ground.

Course outcome: Capability to solving standard problems, based on clear understanding of basic mechanical principles.

Course content:

Kinematics: Basic definitions: velocity and acceleration. Kinematics of the rigid body. Angular velocity and acceleration. Planar motion of the rigid body. Velocity and acceleration in different coordinate frames. **Dynamics:** Newton's laws. Force. Initial conditions. Noninertial systems and inertial forces. **Conservation laws:** Momentum. Momentum conservation law. Work, power and kinetic energy. Conservative and central forces. Mechanical energy. Energy conservation law. Angular momentum conservation law. **Special problems in classical mechanics:** Rotation of the rigid body. Newton's law of gravitation. Kepler's laws. Kepler's problem. Gravitational potential energy. Periodic motion. Pendulum.

Literature:

- 1. D. Krpić, Mechanics, Faculty of Physics 2005. (in serbian)
- 2. I. E. Irodov, Fundamental Laws of Mechanics, Mir Publishers (1980)
- 3. Young & Freedman, University Physics vol. 1, 11th ed., Pearson Addison Wesley (2004)

Number of hours: 10	Lectures:	4 Tuto	rials: 3	Laboratory: 3	Research: -	
Teaching and learning methods:						
Lectures, exercises, group discussions, homework, essays.						
Assessment (maximal 100 points)						
Course assignmer	nts	points	Fi	nal exam	points	
Lectures		-	Written exa	m	40	

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Lectures	-	Written exam	40
Exercises / Tutorials	10	Oral exam	30
Colloquia	-	Written-oral exam	-
Essay / Project	20		