

# 10-DAY CERTIFICATE COURSE TITLED "FOUNDATION COURSE IN ASTRONOMY & ASTROPHYSICS"

July 08 - 19, 2019

Department of Astronomy, Osmania University, Hyderabad- 500 007

The Department of Astronomy is organizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> "Foundation course in Astronomy and Astrophysics" (a 10-Day certificate course) in the Department of Astronomy, Osmania University, Hyderabad, during July 08 – 19, 2019 (Timings 2:30-5:30 P.M). The course is aimed to popularize Astronomy in young minds which will help them develop strong foundations in the subject and motivate them to choose it as a career option. The candidates who are pursuing/completed graduation, with Maths, Physics and computers at intermediate (10+2) level are eligible to enroll in the course. Those who are interested to enroll can register on or before 8<sup>th</sup> June 2019 by sending their details in the enclosed registration form through mail to coordinator, astronomyatou@gmail.com. The registration fee is Rs. 3,000 (Rupees three thousand only) to be paid through DD/Online transfer in favor of "Co-Ordinator, Foundation course in A & Ap, OU, Hyd". The payment can be done through online transfer also to Ac/No: 37758981088

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\*Details of the course and Registration form are available in www.osmnaia.ac.in

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Last Date for Registration: 8-06-2019

Date of commencement of course: 08-07-2019 Date of completion of course: 19-07-2019

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

1.	NAME:		Affix recent passport size
2.	*QUALIFICATION:	-	passportsize
3.	ORGANIZATION:		picture
4.	DATE OF BIRTH: (dd/mm/yy)		
5.	ADDRESS:		
6.	CONTACT NO:	-	
7.	E-MAIL:	_	
8.	REGISTRATION FEE: (DD NO/Transaction ID):		
	Date:		
9.	OTHERS (if any)		
(*1	Note: Enclose the proof of education qualification)		

Signature of the Candidate

#### **ANNEXURE I**

Course details – 10 days (30-hours) certificate course in Astronomy and Astrophysics by

Department of Astronomy, Osmania University.

**Course Title**: Foundation Course in Astronomy & Astrophysics

**Course Schedule** 

The course is open to all candidates who are pursuing/completed Graduation with

Eligibility: Maths,

Physics, Computers at Intermediate (10+2) level and are having an aptitude for Astronomy and Astrophysics. Knowledge of English language is necessary as

mode of

course will be in English.

The number of seats in a batch is limited to **30 ONLY.** Admissions will be done

Batches: on first-

come-first-served basis.

Schedule for next batch: Tentatively July

**Duration:** Classroom Sessions:

2:30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**Field Trip:** Japal Rangapur Observatory (JRO)

Students will be given an exposure to skywatch during the period of the course.

Course

Fees:

Course fee: Rs. 3000

**Contact:** Phone: 040-27682247

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#### **Course Overview:**

#### Aim

The primary aim of this program is to inculcate a scientific awareness of the subject of Astronomy among the young students and motivate them to pursue careers in Astronomy and Astrophysics. The course work is planned as an extra subject beyond the regular University curriculum. The course includes theory classes, practical/project sessions, field trip to Astronomical Observatory, project presentations. On completion of the course, the students will be awarded certificates with grades based on overall performance.

#### **Course Benefits**

The course provides an in-depth knowledge to fundamentals involved in the study of Astronomy and Astrophysics. It will develop strong foundation in the subject which would be a platform for the students seeking higher studies and research work in the subject. It is a domain which will survive for at least another 200 years and as India is involved in many international projects worth billions of dollars such courses would benefit and encourage the student community to opt for advanced studies.

#### **Faculty**

The Lectures will be taken by professors of the department as well as renowned scientists and professors of various scientific institutions and universities in and around Hyderabad.

#### **Course work**

#### **Syllabus**

The syllabus for the certificate course is framed to understand and cover topics from basics to black holes in Astronomy and Astrophysics. It also involves students working on small projects and presenting the same at the end of the course.

#### The topics to be covered in lecture sessions:

Basics of Astronomy (Celestial coordinates, Constellations, Time, distances etc.,)

Origin of Life in the universe and its future

Solar system (Including planets and minor bodies like Asteroids, Meteors & Comets)

Stellar evolution (Life of a Star, Exo-planets)

Galaxies and their structure (Einstein's Gravitational waves)

Astronomical instrumentation (TMT, WEBB & other space based telescopes)

High energy Universe (ASTROSAT satellite)

Unsolved mysteries of Universe (Dark energy, Dark matter etc.)

Astrophotography

#### The Practical sessions include:

Exploring Star charts and identifying constellations

Study of Sunspots

Astronomy with pen and paper

Spectral classification of stars using virtual

observatory Working on archival data (data

available from satellites)

Observing the night sky (identifying constellations and observing planets through

telescope)

Hands on sessions

Astrophotography

#### Field Trip:

The students will be taken to Japal-Rangapur observatory (JRO) and will be given an exposure to the night sky observation.

#### **Registration and Admission:**

Interested candidates may register their names providing their brief bio-data in the Department of Astronomy along with two recent passport size photographs.

The right to admission will solely rest with the Department of Astronomy, OU.

#### Co-Ordinator,

Foundation course in Astronomy and Astrophysics,
Department of Astronomy,
Osmania University

### An overview of last two foundation courses





Lab session in progress during 2017 Foundation course



**Group picture of 2017 Foundation course** 



JRO trip 2017 Foundation course.





Practical sessions (mini planetarium)2018

**Group picture of Foundation Course 2018** 



Image taken during Astrophotography session at JRO in 2018 foundation course.



Comet making session in 2018