

Statement of participation

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has completed the free course including any mandatory tests for:

An overview of active galaxies

This 15-hour free course gave a general introduction to studying active galaxies as well as practical experience in the mathematical analysis of data.

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COURSE CODE: **S381_1**

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Course summary

Please note: this course will be closing on 11 May 2022. After this date, you will no longer be able to study the course but if you've already gained your certificate this will continue to display in your learner profile. Active galaxies provide a prime example of high energy processes operating in the Universe. This free course gives an overview of active galaxies, including the supermassive black holes that power the engines at their centres, and the emission processes by which we detect and study them. It also gives practice in mathematical techniques for analysing data and theoretical models.

Learning outcomes

By completing this course, the learner should be able to:

- recognise the terminology which is used to describe the properties and behaviour of active galactic nuclei (AGN)
- manipulate numbers, algebraic symbols and mathematical functions in equations.

Completed study

The learner has completed the following:

Section 1

Meet your first active galactic nuclei

Section 2

Black holes: a reminder

Section 3

AGN reside at the centres of galaxies

Section 4

Black holes at the centres of ordinary galaxies

Section 5

Distances in extragalactic astronomy

Section 6

The key questions

Section 7

Continuum emission processes

Section 8

Basic properties and historical perspective

Section 9

Conclusion