

Study with us

## About your course

### Courses covered

Code	Title	UCAS Code
PMMPHYAP	MPhys Astrophysics	F511

You can find full details of your course in the *Programme Specification*.

### Important points

- This course is accredited by the Institute of Physics and upon graduation you will be eligible to join the Institute as a graduate member.
- An optional placement year or study abroad year or combination of the two may be available after Year 2 for students who achieve a 2:1 grade average in Year 2 and are considered capable of coping with a year away from their studies.
- You may transfer between our BSc and MPhys programmes at any stage of your programme. In order to continue onto the final year of the MPhys programme you will need to have obtained a 2:1 degree average up to this point.
- An attendance rate of 75% at all scheduled learning and teaching sessions is a requirement of this programme.
- Students may be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service check for some modules.

### Academic Year

#### *Academic Year 2018 - 2019*

The University's academic year is made up of 3 Semesters. For most undergraduate/postgraduate students the academic year is split into two Semesters (A & B). Each of these is made up of teaching weeks followed by exams (the re-sit period falls within Semester C)

- Semester A runs from Monday 17 September 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019
- Semester B runs from Monday 14 January 2019 to Friday 17 May 2019
- Semester C runs from Monday 20 May 2019 – Friday 13 September 2019

### Expected workload

In the UK, a full time student is expected to spend 1200 hours on their studies each year. Please find below an estimate of how your time will be spent on this course during each year of study.

	Lectures, seminars, tutorials	Independent study	Placement
Year 1	28%	72%	0%
Year 2	29%	71%	0%
Year 3	24%	76%	0%
Placement Year (optional)			100%
Year 4	18%	82%	0%

## Method of assessment

	Written Exam	Coursework	Practical
Year 1	43%	57%	0%
Year 2	57%	43%	0%
Year 3	38%	62%	0%
Year 4	29%	71%	0%

## Additional expenses

Description	Year	Mandatory/ Optional	Estimated cost
Placement year/ Study Abroad/ Combination of Study Abroad and Placement	3	Optional	The University does not charge tuition fees during your placement year or study abroad but you may incur additional costs i.e. travel and accommodation. The exact value of these costs will depend on where your placement is located.
Texts to support curriculum	All years	Optional	Undergraduate study requires extensive reading and access to reference works. Recommended texts are available in the Learning Resource Centre either as ebooks or printed material. Please note that availability of printed material may be limited so students may wish to purchase their own copies. The average price of a recommended

			text is approximately £50, although you may be able to buy second-hand copies.
Travel costs for off-site practicals	All years	Mandatory	Transport to scheduled practicals at our off-site observatory is provided free of charge by the School.