



Guiding rules Masters Astrophysics

These guiding rules are meant to help new Master students along during the two-year Master studies in Astrophysics in at the Radboud University Nijmegen.

1. At the start of the Masters (4th year students), notify prof. Paul Groot and the secretariate Astrophysics that you will be doing the Astrophysics Masters. By email to p.groot@astro.ru.nl and secr@astro.ru.nl. You will be assigned a desk and computer terminal to work at during your Master studies. You will also obtain a key to the astrophysics rooms and your access card will be adapted for entry into the wing after 18:00.
2. In the first month (before October 1), propose to, and discuss with, prof. Paul Groot a course program and timeline for your Masters. If you have not yet finished all Bachelor courses, include these in your planning.
3. Before Christmas of the first year, make a choice of primary supervisor (Falcke, Nelemans, Hörandel, Aerts, Dominik or Groot) for your Master research project. Decide with your primary supervisor on a research topic, a timeline, and an attendance schedule.
4. The primary supervisor will draw up a thesis project plan, which includes a description of the research topic, the plan for supervision (including a possible secondary supervisor in the form of a postdoc or PhD student), the timeline and the attendance schedule.
5. During the Master thesis project students are required to spent at least three full days a week on the thesis project and be present at the Department. Working hours are to be discussed with the primary supervisor.
6. Master thesis projects can only start after you have obtained your Bachelor degree.
7. All Master students actively working on their thesis project are expected to be present at the Weekly High-Energy Astrophysics Meetings (better known as 'WHAM's) on Tuesday morning (11:00-12:15). The only exception is when courses are scheduled during these times.
8. All master students will attend the regular Student Seminars and Colloquia (also required for the Astrophysics Seminar course).
9. The Master thesis project will last exactly one full time year. At the start of the thesis project a projected end date will be noted down.
10. In case of illness notify your primary supervisor and the secretariate of your illness.
11. Only students actively working on their thesis project are eligible for Telescope Observing. Notify prof. Paul Groot as soon as you start your thesis project work to allow for timely planning.

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