Astronomy, BA

Learning Outcomes

Astronomy majors will be able to:

• demonstrate understanding of the fundamental concepts in astrophysics such as gravity, the nature of light, the physical characteristics of matter, and the motions of astronomical objects in the night sky;

• demonstrate proficiency in each of the major areas of astronomy—cosmology, galaxies, accretion and compact objects, the life cycle, and properties of stars and solar system science;

• show a working knowledge of a broad array of astrophysical phenomena that are based upon fundamental concepts; and

• gain familiarity with astronomical observations, instrumentation, computational methods, and software.