

Modern Cosmology 1 Winter 2025

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Venue: Sunday and Tuesday, 13:30-15:30

1) The course mark includes 6 points for (Exercises), 14 points for exams, 1 point for Quiz and other bonus activities

2) Main References:

- 1- Dodelson, Scott, and Fabian Schmidt. Modern cosmology. Elsevier, 2024.
- 2- Baumann, Daniel. Cosmology. Cambridge University Press, 2022.
- 3- Weinberg, Steven. Cosmology. OUP Oxford, 2008.
- 4- Mukhanov, Viatcheslav. Physical foundations of cosmology. Cambridge university press, 2005.
- 5- Carroll, Bradley W., and Dale A. Ostlie. An introduction to modern astrophysics. Cambridge University Press, 2017.

3) Other relevant References

- 6- Peacock, John A. Cosmological physics. Cambridge university press, 1998.
- 7- Mo, Houjun, Frank Van den Bosch, and Simon White. Galaxy formation and evolution. Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- 8- Martinez, Vicent J., and Enn Saar. Statistics of the galaxy distribution. Chapman and Hall/CRC, 2001.
- 9- Lesgourgues, Julien, et al. Neutrino cosmology. Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- 10- Durrer, Ruth. The cosmic microwave background. Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- 11- Bertschinger, Edmund. "Cosmological dynamics." arXiv preprint astro-ph/9503125 (1995).
- 12- LESGOURGUES, J. "Cosmological perturbations." arXiv preprint arXiv:1302.4640 (2013).

4) Also check my talk and presentation trough

<http://facultymembers.sbu.ac.ir/movahed/index.php/talks-a-presentations>

5) For more details about the research methods, visit

<http://facultymembers.sbu.ac.ir/movahed/index.php/courses/159-research-methods-course>

6) First midterm will be held on 1403/12/23 (13/03/2025) at 9:00 am

7) Second midterm will be held on 1404/02/11 (13/05/2025) at 9:00 am

8) Third midterm will be held on 1404/03/29 (19/06/2025)

9) Final exam will be held on Khordad 1404

10) Overall necessities for doing exercises

For each set of exercise, you should take care about due date. Delivering the answer sheets after due date is not acceptable. In exceptional case, the proper punishment will be considered

11) I provided some scripts for plotting available via:

http://facultymembers.sbu.ac.ir/movahed/attachments/Python_plot.zip

http://facultymembers.sbu.ac.ir/movahed/attachments/Mathematica_plot.zip

Overall timetable of teaching program

| Exam | Subjects | Date/no. |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------|
| First midterm exam | Introduction, Scientific Methodology and Methods, road map, Our universe from current observations 1 | Lecture 1 |
| | Our universe from current observations 2: Challenges and Tensions | Lecture 2 |
| | LCDM model in nutshell with brief on History | Lecture 3 |
| | Special Relativity and Review on GR 1: metric (Space-time), Generalized coordinate systems, and Covariant form of Physics laws | Lecture 4 |
| | Review on GR 2: Geodesic equation, comoving length, curvature | Lecture 5 |
| | Einstein Equations, Cosmological Redshifts | Lecture 6 |
| | Hubble's law, Peculiar velocity, Horizons, age of Universe, Angular diameter distance and other observable quantities | Lecture 7 |
| | Distance modulus and SNIa 1 | Lecture 8 |
| | Distance modulus and SNIa 2 | Lecture 9 |
| | Alcock-Paczyński effect, BAO, CMB Shift parameter, | Lecture 10 |
| Second midterm exam | Dynamics: Field equations | Lecture 11 |
| | Friedmann equations 1 | Lecture 12 |
| | Friedmann equations 2 | Lecture 13 |
| | Standard Model of Cosmology 1 | Lecture 14 |
| | Standard Model of Cosmology 2 | Lecture 15 |
| | Inflation 1 | Lecture 16 |
| | Inflation 2 | Lecture 17 |
| | Thermal History of the Universe 1 | Lecture 18 |
| | Thermal History of the Universe 2 | Lecture 19 |
| Third midterm exam | Big-Bang Nucleosynthesis | Lecture 20 |
| | Boltzmann Equations 1 | Lecture 21 |
| | Boltzmann Equations 2 | Lecture 22 |
| | The origin of species | Lecture 23 |
| | Stochastic field | Lecture 24 |
| Final exam | Physics of CMB 1 | Lecture 25 |
| | Physics of CMB 2 | Lecture 26 |
| | Physics of CMB 3 | Lecture 27 |
| | Physics of CMB 4 | Lecture 28 |
| | Physics of CMB 5 | Lecture 29 |
| | Large Scale Structures 1 | Lecture 30 |
| | Large Scale Structures 2 | Lecture 31 |
| | Large Scale Structures 3 | Lecture 32 |
| | Concluding Remarks | Lecture 33 |

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