# Course Evaluation Observational Astrophysics II AS7004 VT16

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## 1. What was the best aspect of the course?

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It was interesting to get a hands-on experience using telescopes, and getting an insight into the whole process from proposal to paper.

I would say the best aspect was being given access, as a student, to use research quality instruments as part of our instruction. I felt this gave a very significant feeling of accomplishment to our learning experiences.

Working in more realistic science conditions than most other courses. Getting to use big telescopes and not just the small one at the roof of AlbaNova.

## 2. What improvements would you suggest in the course?

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Expectations and requirements for each hand-in should be more clearly stated in advance. Also a more detailed guide on what you need to do in preparation before the observations would be nice since the course participants have no prior experience doing this.

When considering projects in a group versus individual setting, the projects could be tailored to reflect the amount work that can reasonably be done by the number participants.

Making sure all the needed software s installed on the computers beforehand.

## 3. What advice would you like to give to future course participants?

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Start data reductions early so you have enough time to be confused.

Get started immediately on data reduction. Do not waste one second. You will screw up, but it is better to screw up early and have plenty of time to recover.

Have fun with the projects and prepare them well and get the analysis done as soon as possible to avoid to many projects at once.
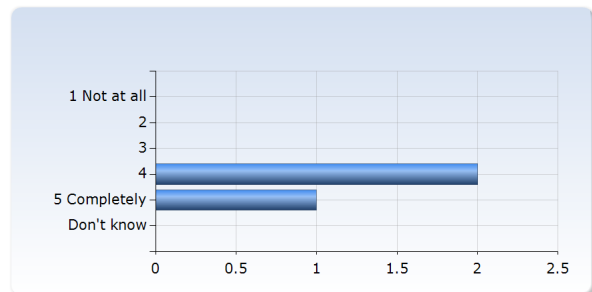
## 4. Other comments

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It was a very rewarding course in the end.

## 5. Overall impression

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## 6. Student contribution

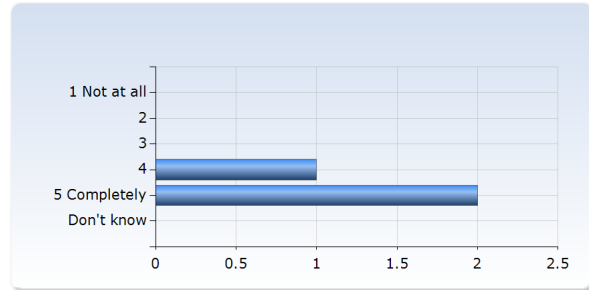### I am satisfied with my own effort in the course

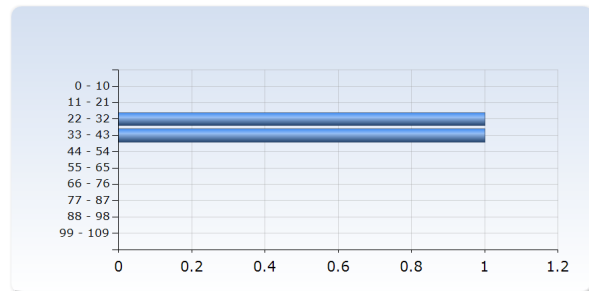| I am satisfied with my own effort in the course | Number of Responses |
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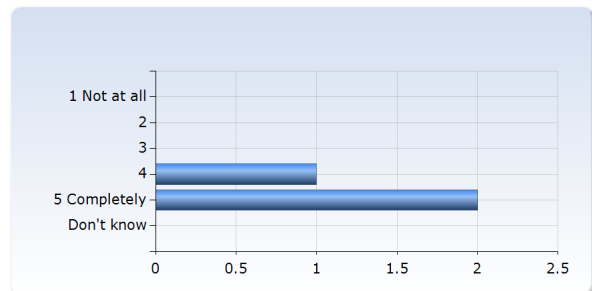
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| 22 - 32 | 1 (50.0%) |
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The workload is heavily concentrated to the last part of the course making it hard to take other courses in parallel. Some more co-planning with e.g. the Planet & Starformation course would be good.

Though this is averaged over the entire course duration. The time spent was highly concentrated in the last 4-5 weeks at a rate of approximately 45 hours a week.
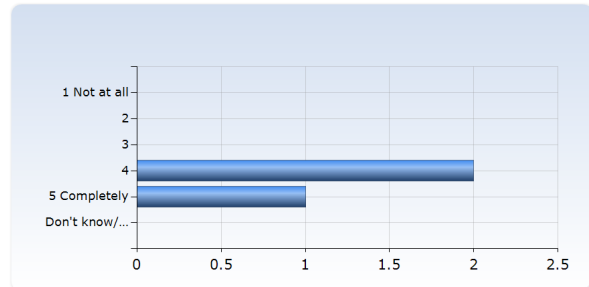
It was not an even workload. In the beginning it was much less than towards the end after all the data were taken.
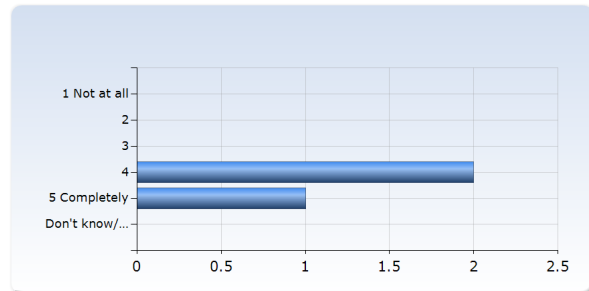
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## 8. Clear aims

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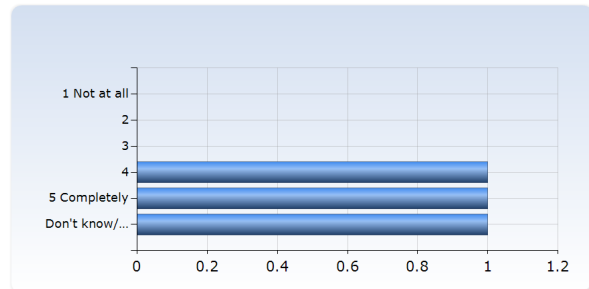
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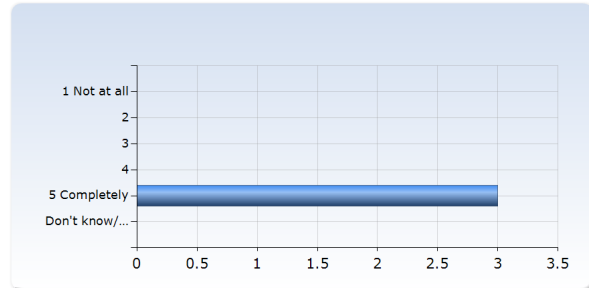
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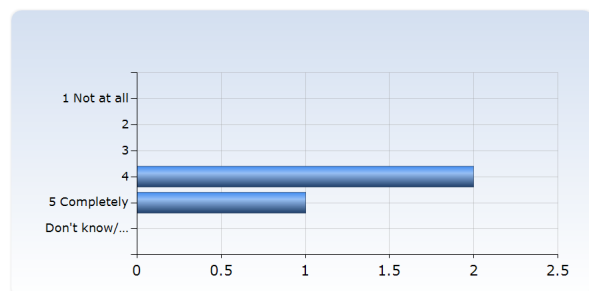| I feel that I will have use of what I have learnt after my studies | Number of Responses |
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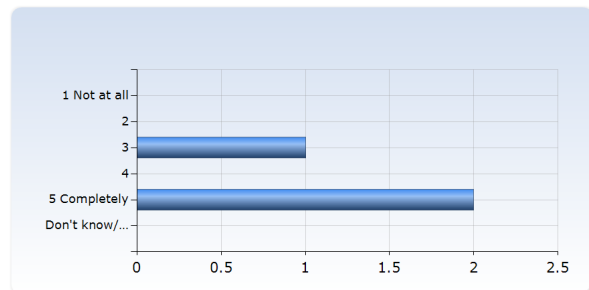
**Comment on the aims**
I do not intend to work in an observational setting, though I do feel confident in my ability to do so after my experiences in this course.

# 9. Good teaching

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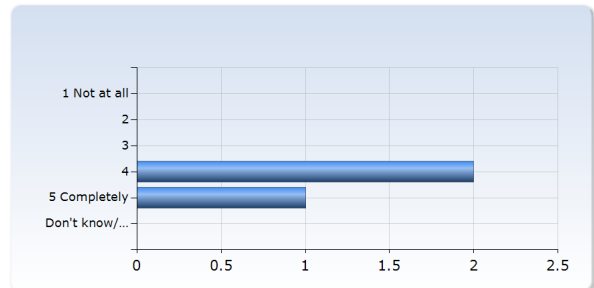| I think that the prerequisites specified in the course plan were sufficient to follow the course | Number of Responses |
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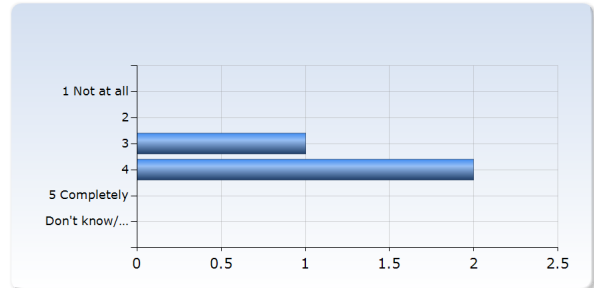
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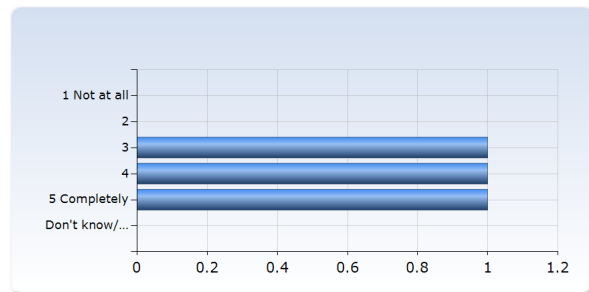| I could understand what was being taught | Number of Responses |
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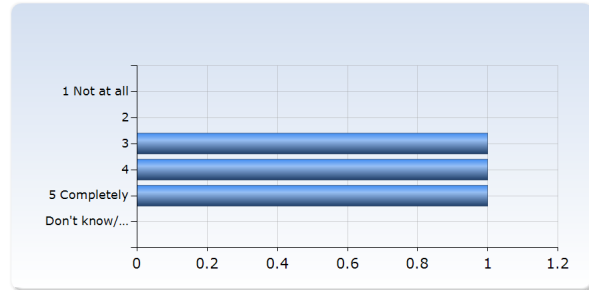
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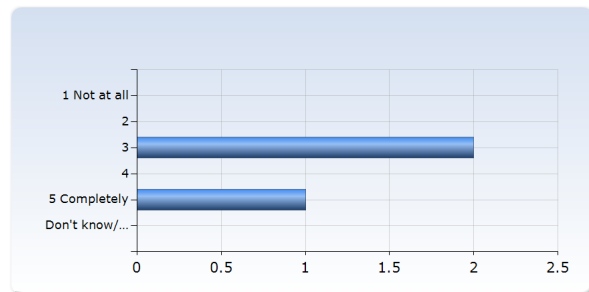
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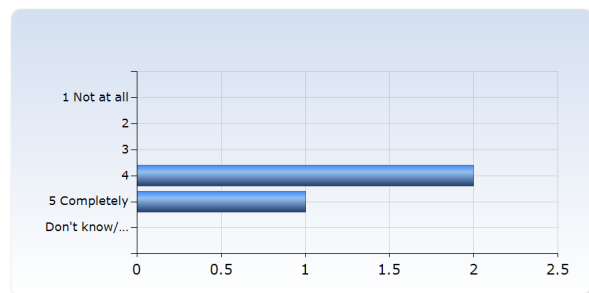| The course material helped me in my work to achieve the learning outcomes (literature, e-resources etc.) | Number of Responses |
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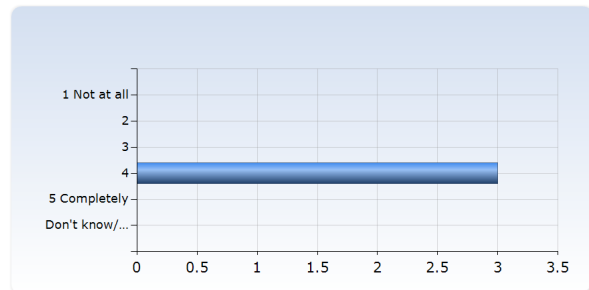
**Comment on the teaching**

With the course structure it is difficult to reflect before it is over, since it is all a build up towards the reports.
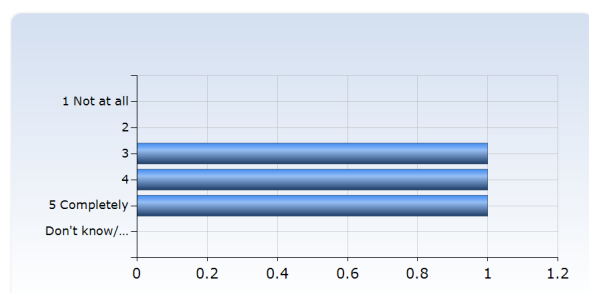
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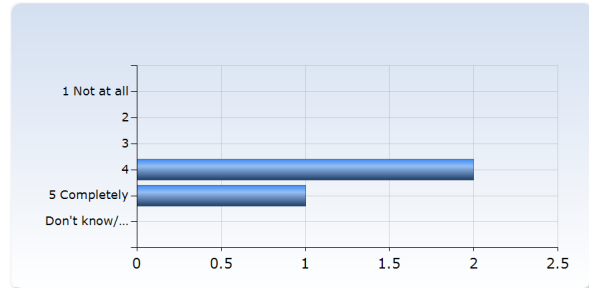| I have been able to find the information I felt I needed before and during the course | Number of Responses |
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The instruction I received was incredibly helpful for attaining my goals in the course.

## 11. Please inform us here if you have reason to think that everyone has not been treated equally and with respect.