# Course Report AS7004 VT17

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## . Teacher

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Matthew Hayes

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8

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- I have implemented a new observational project for the optical part to measure the metallicity gradients of galaxies.
- I began the first night of optical observations by giving a demonstration of the reduction from the same telescope.

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- first hand experience of telescopes (for the first time)
- practical work on real data
- the correspondence between the course and the students' expectations seems good, and students mostly understood what they were being taught.

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- somewhat un-specific objectives
- more detailed instructions for observations are requested
- difficult to find relevant information

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I find this course (as always) to be one of the most motivating and unique in the institute. It's a pleasure to teach. Generally I am happy with the outcome. Most students reacted positively and I was happy with the majority of the reports.

The average feedback seems to be slightly lower than last year, which could potentially be because of the larger number of students.

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I will condense some of the observational cookbooks/recipes for the NOT into a more focused set of instructions.
Seems to be a discrepancy in the expected outcomes about imaging vs. spectroscopy. I will revise this.