

# UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

## SYLLABUS DEL CORSO

## **General Relativity**

2223-1-F5802Q012

#### Aims

General relativity and applications.

#### Contents

- 1. Principles and equations of general relativity.
- 2. Elements of differential geometry.
- 3. Black hole physics.
- 4. Elements of cosmology.

#### **Detailed program**

- 1. Summary of special relativity. Minkowski spacetime.
- 2. Equivalence principle. Accelerated observers.
- 3. Elements of differential geometry. Curvature. Geodesics.
- 4. Physics on curved spaces. Curvature and gravity. Einstein's equations. Rudiments of Hamiltonian treatment. Vielbein formalism.

- 5. Gravitational waves. Black holes: Schwarzschild, charged, rotating solutions. Definition of mass in general relativity. Causality.
- 6. Elements of cosmology. De Sitter and anti-de Sitter spaces.

#### **Prerequisites**

Undergraduate degree in physics.

#### **Teaching form**

Lessons, 6 credits.

#### Textbook and teaching resource

Lecture notes available at https://www.dropbox.com/s/t84lftb2llgb87w/GR.pdf?dl=0P

#### Semester

First semester

#### Assessment method

Written and oral exam, of equal weight in the final evaluation, not necessarily in the same call.

Written exam: ten exercises, two hours and a half. Object of evaluation will be the logic used in the resolution of the problems.

Oral exam: open questions on the course's topics, unrelated to the written exam. Object of evaluation will be the candidate's knowledge of the theoretical part of the program.

#### **Office hours**

By appointment

### Sustainable Development Goals

QUALITY EDUCATION