

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information below is subject to change, in particular that concerning the teaching mode (presential, distance or in a comodal or hybrid format).

5 credits

30.0 h



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**This biannual learning unit is not being organized in 2020-2021 !**

Language :	English
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Main themes	The topics/themes covered in the teaching unit are space geodesy for the Earth and planets with a particular focus on the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) and their applications in geophysics.
Aims	<p><b>a. Contribution of the teaching unit to the learning outcomes of the programme (PHYS2M and PHYS2M1)</b>                      AA1: A1.1, A1.2, A1.3, A1.4, A1.5, A1.6                      AA2: A2.1, A2.2                      AA3: A3.1, A3.2, A3.4                      AA6: A6.1                      AA7: A7.3                      AA8: A8.1, A8.2</p> <p><b>b. Specific learning outcomes of the teaching unit</b>                      At the end of this teaching unit, the student will be able to :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. explain space geodesy techniques used on Earth ;</li> <li>2. properly apply spatial geodesy methods to retrieve terrestrial geophysical information ;</li> <li>3. define terrestrial and celestial reference systems and passages from one to the other ;</li> <li>4. explain the geophysical phenomena that disturb the rotation and orientation of the Earth ;</li> <li>5. explain spatial geodesic techniques used around planets and moons of the solar system ;</li> <li>6. properly apply spatial geodesy methods to retrieve the geophysical information that can be obtained for the planets and moons of the solar system on their current, past and future states and their evolutions ;</li> <li>7. access the databases of space geodesy ;</li> <li>8. use multidisciplinary approaches to solve a spatial geodesy problem or a fundamental question such as the habitability of the planets and moons of the solar system or exoplanets.</li> </ol> <p>-----  <i>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s) can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".</i></p>
Evaluation methods	<p><b>Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the information in this section is particularly likely to change.</b>                      Individual oral exam with two presentations of questions to choose from the course.                      Individual work on GNSS data.</p>
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Content	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Classical and spatial geodesy</li> <li>2. GPS system</li> <li>3. European Galileo System and other satellite navigation systems</li> <li>4. GPS / GNSS applications in Earth sciences</li> <li>5. Celestial reference systems and frames</li> <li>6. Terrestrial reference systems and frames</li> <li>7. Rotation of the Earth</li> <li>8. Space geodesy techniques other than GNSS</li> <li>9. Space geodesy around other planets of the solar system</li> <li>10. Motion of an artificial satellite around a planet and geophysical information</li> </ol>

Bibliography	
Other infos	
Faculty or entity in charge	PHYS

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)				
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Aims
Master [120] in Geography : Climatology	CLIM2M	5		
Master [60] in Physics	PHYS2M1	5		
Master [120] in Physics	PHYS2M	5		