

# Grading criteria – Cosmology 2011

The overall grading criteria are described in the slides for lecture 1. The grading criteria for the seminars and the literature exercise are outlined below.

## **Grading criteria: Seminars**

The performance in each seminar is graded on a scale 1-5 (where 5 represents the best grade). When assigning a grade, the following is taken into account:

- Knowledge of the subject discussed
- Seminar activity
- Presentation skill
- Ability to discuss the subject with others
- Ability to interpret the data and draw independent conclusions (more relevant for seminar II)

## **Grading criteria: Literature exercise**

Both the oral presentation and the written report are graded on the scale 1-5 (where 5 represents the best grade). When assigning a grade to the written report, the following is being assessed:

- Understanding of the field in question
- Ability to summarize the state of the field and to use suitable references
- Writing skill

When assigning a grade to the oral presentation, the following is being assessed:

- Presentation skill
- Ability to answer questions on the topic

The student will not be penalized twice for structural flaws or a lack of scope in the report. Hence, it is possible to get the maximum grade for an excellent oral presentation of a poorly written report that does not properly summarize the topic at hand. However, a lack of understanding can effectively lower the grade of both report and presentation.