The astronomy minor enhances students' understanding of the formation, structure, and evolution of the universe while providing a sound foundation for professional programs in the sciences. The minor program covers a wide range of topics in general astronomy, comparative planetology, stellar dynamics, astrophysics, cosmology, and techniques of astronomical observation and analysis.

**Why UMD**

- Active learning environment
- Access to state-of-the–art instrumentation
- Focus on undergraduate teaching and research

**Student Clubs**

The Astronomy club is suitable for people who enjoy things like stargazing, movie nights, astrophotography and being outside at night. This group also works on Planetarium events and outreach efforts to encourage a love of stargazing in our community.