

OVERVIEW OF UNIVERSITY TEXTBOOK *ASTROBIOLOGY*

How life began? Does life exist anywhere else in the Universe and whether it can have intelligent form? These fundamental questions have long been within the domain of philosophy, but over the past few decades, natural science has begun to seriously investigate them. This new scientific discipline was first called exobiology, but only recently it was dubbed astrobiology. The textbook *Astrobiology* of Anđelka Kovačević is the first textbook in this field at the University of Belgrade.

The book contains discussion of the latest astronomical results, as well as biological studies that touch on the very essence of life and its emergence. Therefore, this textbook is of interest both to students of astronomy and astrophysics, and biology and chemistry students, as well as to readers who are interested in the basic questions of astrobiology.

The book follows program of the courses *Introduction to Astrobiology*, and *Astrobiology*. Here we will briefly present its contents.

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