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**LIFE IN THE UNIVERSE:  
A COURSE IN SCIENCE, AND SCIENCE FICTION**

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The University of Glamorgan's "Life in the Universe" program was one of the first university courses in Europe on the question of extraterrestrial life and intelligence. This paper details the evolution of an innovative, blended curriculum for school and university science teaching, which acknowledges the influence of art and literature and explores the cultural, political and social impact of the possibility of extraterrestrial life.