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Exploring our fascination with Mars

Mars, which is the most accessible planet beyond Earth, is the next frontier in space exploration. Learning about Mars can help us understand more about our own planet and how changes in climate and atmosphere may affect Earth.

It can also help us prepare for the challenges that humans may face whenever we reach the Red Planet. Right now, the two Mars rovers – Perseverance and Curiosity – are exploring the planet’s surface to help scientists learn more about its history, soil and atmosphere.

Reaching Mars isn’t easy. [NASA lists](#) 48 missions to Mars since 1960 by space agencies worldwide, with more than half of the missions ending in failure.

On the [debut episode of Curious Campus](#) , we look at Mars exploration with guests Jean Creighton, director of UWM’s Manfred Olson Planetarium, and Darian Dixon, a UWM geosciences alumnus who is a lead Mastcam-Z operator on the Mars rover Perseverance.

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