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Message from the Dean



Prof Sunil Maharaj
Dean: Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

The Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology is a leading presenter of locally relevant and internationally competitive programmes in engineering, the built environment, information technology and technology management at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

This Faculty attracts high-quality students and staff, and offers extended programmes to facilitate inclusiveness. Through stakeholder involvement it is well resourced in terms of teaching and research facilities, and houses several research institutes. The close links maintained with industry support both the teaching and research programmes, and the multidisciplinary nature of the Faculty facilitates interaction across disciplines in both teaching and research activities. There is a high demand for the Faculty's graduates.

Extensive and cutting-edge teaching, learning and laboratory facilities are integrated into the excellent campus-wide suite of facilities and services offered by the University. Access to programmes is expanded through extended supporting programmes. To shape its students as future teachers, the Faculty expects total commitment with regard to individual and group work. You are invited to consider enrolling in one of the programmes in this Faculty if you share our vision of excellence and are interested in positioning yourself as a leader in the professions supported by the Faculty.

The Faculty is organised into four schools: the School of Engineering, the School for the Built Environment, the School of

Information Technology and the Graduate School of Technology Management.

The School of Engineering at UP is the largest school of its kind in South Africa in terms of student numbers, graduates and research contributions. According to the Thomson Reuters Essential Science Indicators for citations, the School of Engineering is ranked in the top 1% of engineering schools in the world. In 2016 we celebrated a legacy of 60 years in engineering education. We take pride in the thousands of alumni who ensured this legacy and laid a firm foundation for us to continue building on. We believe that innovation brings about a positive change and change ignites hope within us – and hope is what our legacy is built on.

The School for the Built Environment also offers the entire spectrum of related programmes, with studio-based education in the architectural degree programmes and close ties and alignment with the building industry. The unique School of Information Technology is a leader in its field in South Africa and its programmes and modern computer science, informatics and information science laboratories offer students the advantage of an integrated approach to information technology (IT).

Through various advisory boards, the Faculty has established a strong partnership with the industries it supports. This enables the University of Pretoria to be internationally competitive while also remaining locally relevant. Where applicable, its programmes are accredited by statutory and professional bodies at the national and international levels.

The Faculty strives to accommodate students who meet the admission criteria. As places are limited, we recommend that learners who excel in their studies apply early. If you are an academic achiever, but have limited financial means, this should not discourage you from applying as various industries have financial schemes to assist deserving academic achievers with bursaries and scholarships.

Thank you for considering our degree offerings. We look forward to your application to join one of our programmes and trust that you will have an enriching and rewarding experience that will lead to a lifelong affiliation with the Faculty.

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Undergraduate programmes

Important information on undergraduate programmes for 2018

- The following persons will be considered for admission: a candidate who is in possession of a certificate that is deemed by the University to be equivalent to the required Grade 12 certificate with university endorsement; a candidate who is a graduate from another tertiary institution or has been granted the status of a graduate of such an institution; and a candidate who is a graduate of another faculty at the University of Pretoria.
 - Life Orientation is excluded when calculating the APS.
 - Grade 11 results are used in the provisional admission of prospective students.
 - A valid qualification with admission to degree studies is required.
 - Minimum subject and achievement requirements, as set out below, are required. On first-year level a student has a choice between Afrikaans and English as language medium. In certain cases, tuition may be presented in English only, for example in electives, where the lecturer may not speak Afrikaans or in cases where it is not economically or practically viable.
 - Provisional admission to the four-year programmes in the School of Engineering is only guaranteed if a prospective student complies with ALL the requirements below.
- Note:** Candidates who do not comply with the minimum requirements, set out above, but who have obtained a minimum APS of 30, an achievement level of 5 for English or Afrikaans, 6 for Mathematics and 5 for Physical Science, will be considered for provisional admission to either the four-year programme or the ENGAGE programme based on the results of the NBT.
- Admission to ENGAGE in the School of Engineering will be determined by the results of the NBT, NSC results, an achievement level of 5 in Mathematics and 4 in Physical Science, as well as an achievement level of 4 in Afrikaans or English, together with an APS of 25.
 - Students may apply directly to be considered for the ENGAGE programme.

University of Pretoria website www.up.ac.za/ebit
National Benchmark Test website www.nbt.ac.za

Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2018												APS
	Achievement level												
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science				APS
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	
BEng (Industrial Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Industrial engineers design, test, implement and manage a wide range of man/machine systems for the delivery of production and services. Organisational matters that require optimisation include site selection and layout of facilities, manufacturing, inventory control, materials handling, supply chain management, quality management, cost control, financial services, maintenance, reliability, computer simulation, information systems, human resources and business law.													
BEng (Chemical Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Chemical engineers are involved in industrial processes that convert raw materials into products with a higher economic value. This is achieved by means of physical, thermal, chemical, biochemical and mechanical changes and processes. Chemical engineers apply their specialised knowledge in the petroleum, food, minerals processing, power generation, and the paper and pulp industries, water and effluent treatment, as well as environmental engineering activities, including air pollution control. Like other engineering disciplines, chemical engineers are involved in research and development, techno-economic evaluation, equipment and plant design, process control and optimisation, construction, commissioning, operation and management as well as marketing and distribution of final products.													
BEng (Civil Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Civil engineers design, build and maintain constructions such as tower blocks and skyscrapers, dams, canals and pipelines, roads, bridges, tunnels, railways, airports, power stations, television towers, water works and outfall installations. They are involved in financial modelling, feasibility studies and the management and rehabilitation of large asset portfolios.													
BEng (Electrical Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Electrical engineers are active in the generation, storage, transmission, distribution and utilisation of electrical energy. There is a brilliant future in renewable energy. Electrical engineers design, supervise the construction, oversee the optimal operation and assure perfect and timely maintenance of all electrical installations for municipalities, residential areas, commercial buildings, factories, mines and industries. Rail transport, water pumping, electrical grids, telecommunications, energy management and smart lighting are all fields of application of electrical engineering.													

*A Level: C symbols for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry will be considered for admission providing the required APS has been obtained.

Undergraduate programmes

Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2018												APS
	Achievement level												
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science				APS
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	
BEng (Electronic Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Electronic engineers are active in various fields, such as telecommunications (fixed networks, wireless, satellite, television, radar and radio frequency networks), entertainment and medical (magnetic resonance imaging, X-rays, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, infrared tomography, electroencephalograms (EEG), electrocardiograms (ECG), rehabilitation engineering and biokinetics), integrated circuit design, bioengineering, military (vehicle electronics, smart bombs, night vision, laser systems), transport (e-tags, speed measuring, railway signalling, global positioning system (GPS) and mapping), “smart” dust, safety and security systems (face and speech recognition), banking (ATMs), commerce, robotics, education, environmental management, tourism and many more.													
BEng (Mechanical Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Mechanical and aeronautical engineers are concerned with power-generating machines and systems such as vehicles, ships, air-conditioners, pebble bed nuclear reactors, aeroplanes, engines and turbines, robots and biomedical systems. Areas of specialisation include product design and manufacturing (such as design, testing and improvement of mechanical, electrical, pneumatic and hydraulic systems), marine engineering and naval architecture, biomedical engineering, air-conditioning and refrigeration, aerospace systems and aircraft/missile engineering, vehicle engineering, maintenance engineering and energy management (gas and steam turbines, nuclear power reactors, petrol engines, cooling towers and renewable energy systems).													
BEng (Metallurgical Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Only presented in English from second year Careers: Metallurgical engineers unlock the riches of deposits of metal ores, coal and diamonds and optimise the manufacture of metal components. They work in plants where valuable minerals are recovered from ore, where metals are produced out of the minerals and where the metals are converted into useful materials – such as steel or aluminium. Careers include production engineers, plant managers, consultants and researchers.													
BEng (Mining Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Only presented in English Careers: Mining engineers have a wide range of opportunities, namely mining (mine management, technical management of ventilation, rock mechanics, rock breaking, mineral resources), financial evaluation and management (mine design, mine financial evaluation, mine feasibility studies, mine environmental impact studies), mining and drilling contracting (mining, tunnelling, shaft sinking, mine development, ore evaluation), mining research, mining equipment design and manufacture, mining marketing and mining administration at national, provincial or international level.													
BEng (Computer Engineering) [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	6	2	B	B*	6	2	B	B*	35
Careers: Computer engineers are active in all fields of the information superhighway and the information and communication technology (ICT) world, which include computer systems, software engineering, computer and communications networks, wireless sensor networks, embedded software, electronics, smart control systems and automation, data security, e-commerce, pattern recognition (face and speech recognition), and artificial intelligence. They specialise in combining hardware, software and communication technologies to optimise system performance.													
Engineering Augmented Degree Programme (ENGAGE) [5 years] Candidates who do not comply with the minimum requirements mentioned above, but who do comply with these requirements, must write the NBT.	4	3	D	D	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	25

*A Level: C symbols for Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry will be considered for admission providing the required APS has been obtained.

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Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2018												APS
	Achievement level												
SCHOOL FOR THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Science				APS
	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	
BSc (Architecture) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 31 May Non-SA – 31 May	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	4	3	D	D	27
Will only be considered as first study choice Selection programme: Selection includes an interview. Careers: The BSc (Architecture) degree programme enables graduates to register with the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP) as candidate architectural technologists. The qualification is the first step to future registration as a candidate senior architectural technologist or a candidate architect.													
BSc (Interior Architecture) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 31 May Non-SA – 31 May	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	4	3	D	D	27
Will only be considered as first study choice Selection programme: Selection includes an interview. Careers: The BSc (Interior Architecture) degree programme enables graduates to register with the South African Institute for the Interior Design Professions (IID) as candidate interior designers. This qualification is the first step to future registration as a candidate senior interior designer or a candidate interior architect.													
BSc (Landscape Architecture) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 31 May Non-SA – 31 May	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	or Geography or Life Sciences				27
Selection programme: Selection includes an interview. Careers: The BSc (Landscape Architecture) degree programme enables graduates to register with the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession (SACLAP) as candidate landscape architectural technologists. This qualification is the first step to future registration as a candidate landscape architect.													
BSc (Construction Management) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 June Non-SA – 30 June	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	or Accounting				30
Selection programme Careers: After completing the three-year undergraduate degree programme, graduates could enter careers, in among others, construction site management or subcontract work. On completion of the ensuing one-year honours programme, graduates are able to register as professional construction managers and opportunities become much wider, including project management, property development, portfolio management, commercial marketing and managerial positions in the corporate environment.													
BSc (Real Estate) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 June Non-SA – 30 June	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	or Accounting				30
Selection programme Careers: Apart from a future in areas such as property investment, property finance and facilities and property management, further studies to obtain an honours degree in real estate can lead to registration as professional property valuers. Career opportunities encompass the whole spectrum of the property sector, whether as entrepreneurs in the private sector or as employees in the private, government or semi-government sectors.													
BSc (Quantity Surveying) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 June Non-SA – 30 June	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	or Accounting				30
Selection programme Careers: Quantity surveying is the science that delivers specialised financial and contractual services and advice to clients in the building and construction industry, as well as related industries. The three-year undergraduate degree is the first step towards registration as quantity surveyors. The ensuing one-year honours programme leads to registration as candidate professional quantity surveyors. Career opportunities, apart from those in the private, government or semi-government sectors, also exist in the property, banking, mining and manufacturing industries.													
BTRP – Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 June Non-SA – 30 June	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D					27
Selection programme Careers: Town and regional planners, development practitioners, urban managers, real estate analysts and researchers. While most town and regional planners act as private consultants to the public and private sector, they are also employed by all three spheres of government, research agencies such as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Human Sciences Research Council (HSRC), non-governmental organisations, community-based organisations, major financial institutions and property development groups. The qualification will enable graduates to register as professional town and regional planners with the South African Council for Planners.													

Undergraduate programmes

Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2018								APS
	Achievement level								
	Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				
SCHOOL OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS Level	A Level	
BIT – Bachelor of Information Technology [4 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 26 to 29, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. Careers: Information technologists, programmers, system analysts, computer consultants, and buyers of hardware and software. This programme provides knowledge and understanding of the theory and practice of programming and software engineering; theory and the practice of the adoption and use of information systems in business organisations; aspects of collecting, retrieving, organising, managing and using information; philosophy, language and mathematics.									
BSc (Computer Science) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	5	3	C	C	30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 26 to 29, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. Careers: Programmers, systems analysts, systems architects, consultants, database administrators, network analysts and researchers.									
BIS (Multimedia) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	4	3	D	D	5	3	C	C	30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 26 to 29, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. Careers: Programmers, web designers, animation specialists, video editors, electronic artists. The programme prepares candidates for positions at any of the following content producers: paper publications, television, radio, phone technologies and the web. Graduates can become coders and work for programming companies. They can develop skills in their particular areas of interest, such as digital music or video, programming; graphic, games or web development.									
BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	4	3	D	D	5	3	C	C	30 (26–29 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 26 to 29, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. Careers: Graduates will differentiate themselves in an application environment by choosing one of the following options: Applied Mathematics, Genetics, Geographical Information Systems, IT and Enterprises, IT and Law, IT and Music, Operational Research, Philosophy, Psychology or Software Development.									
BIS (Information Science) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	4	3	D	D					28 (25–27 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 25 to 27, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. If informatics is selected at first-year level, an achievement level of 5 is required in Mathematics. Careers: Information and knowledge managers (manage information and knowledge resources), information or e-commerce specialists (organise, retrieve and add value to information), consultants on information products (services and systems), information brokers (act as infopreneurs and buy and sell information products and services), and system specialists/analysts/technologists (develop information systems).									
BIS (Publishing) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C					28 (25–27 admission based on the NBT)
Should a candidate obtain an APS of 25 to 27, consideration for admission will be based on the results of the NBT, provided the quotas regarding student numbers have not been reached. Careers: Entry-level job opportunities include assisting specific role-players in the publishing value chain (such as MDs of publishing houses, commissioning editors, editors, and production or marketing managers), market or picture research, copyright negotiations, copy-editing and proofreading, marketing and promotion, distribution and delivery.									
BCom (Informatics) [3 years] Closing dates: SA – 30 September Non-SA – 31 August	5	3	C	C	4	3	D	D	30
This programme is administered by the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences.									

School of Engineering

School of Engineering

Highlights

Programmes within the School of Engineering have all been granted accreditation by the Engineering Council of South Africa. The School is one of the largest of its kind in the country in terms of student numbers, graduates and research contributions and offers programmes in all the major engineering disciplines, with many specialisations also offered at undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Through its innovative and relevant research across seven departments, the University of Pretoria provides its students with the necessary training to make a considerable contribution to engineering in South Africa and abroad. The departments are: Chemical Engineering; Civil Engineering; Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering; Industrial and Systems Engineering; Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering; Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, and Mining Engineering.

The School has close ties with industry through a number of research chairs across all departments. These include chairs in Maintenance Engineering, Pyrometallurgy, Fluoro-material Science and Process Integration, Carbon Technology and Materials, Reaction Engineering, Tribology and Environmental Engineering, Railway Engineering and Broadband Multimedia Communications. It also has a number of research centres, such as the Hub for Energy Efficiency and Demand-side Management, the Advanced Engineering Centre of Excellence, the Industrial Metals and Minerals Research Institute, the Centre for Telecommunications Engineering for the Information Society and the Carl and Emily Fuchs Institute for Microelectronics to name but a few. Each department excels in its own research, but the consolidation of research activities is encouraged and several sustainable research groups have been formed to make an impact world-wide.

Department of Chemical Engineering

BEng (Chemical Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Chemical engineering involves all aspects of those industrial processes that are required to, in the widest sense, convert raw materials into higher-value products by means of combinations of physical, chemical, thermal, biochemical and mechanical changes. The programme provides you with the necessary foundation, so that once you graduate, you will be able to make creative contributions to the world's ever-increasing needs to:

- Convert natural resources into efficient and useable forms of energy
- Develop more durable, lighter and renewable materials
- Design more efficient, environmentally-friendly processing plants
- Apply biotechnology to convert raw materials into products in a sustainable way
- Design processes to ensure that limited natural resources, like water, can be re-used
- Leave a clean and sustainable environment behind for future generations

A solid foundation in Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics and Biology is combined with the principles of the conservation of mass, energy and momentum, followed by application of economic principles to the design of equipment leading to profitable processes that contribute to economic and industrial growth.

The programme is aimed at producing graduates who can develop new and innovative processes ensuring continued growth to satisfy the needs stated above.

Career opportunities

Chemical engineers are increasingly making their unique abilities available in areas as diverse as the automotive industry and the biomedical field in addition to the traditional areas where their unique approach and understanding of the relevant principles lead to growth in the petroleum, minerals, paper and food and textile industries. These industries are collectively referred to as the "process industries" – that is why chemical engineers are often called process engineers. Water purification and water treatment, the design and operation of such processes and the protection of the environment from pollution are further areas where chemical engineers make invaluable contributions.

One of the characteristic qualities of chemical engineers is their ability to examine an engineering problem at different levels, from the detailed knowledge needed to manipulate the behaviour of molecules under very specific conditions to the knowledge needed to study and explain the effect of large chemical plants on a country's economy and also on its environment. Apart from the opportunity to be part of a team that successfully plans, designs and operates large processing plants, chemical engineers can also specialise in the development and application of advanced computer-based methods to design, control and optimise processes.

A chemical engineer may be involved in any of the stages of a typical project, from the inception of the idea to the sale of the final product, as indicated below:

- research and development
- techno-economic evaluation
- modelling, design and optimisation
- plant construction and commissioning
- plant operation and management
- problem-solving in manufacturing or in product applications
- manufacturing and marketing of equipment and products

Chemical Engineering at UP

In addition to our sought-after graduates in Chemical Engineering, our research efforts have led to world-class contributions in Water Utilisation and Environmental Engineering, Advanced Materials Development and Applications, Bioreaction Engineering as well as Process Systems Design, Control and Optimisation.

People with widely divergent interests and temperaments can find themselves in interesting and challenging careers in Chemical Engineering. Many projects require teamwork, where the ability to act as a team member and as a team leader is important. This discipline is exceptionally suited to women, and the number of females in our student complement is continuously growing. In the past three years, 40% of the Department's graduates were female.

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School of Engineering

First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphical Communication Calculus Physics General Chemistry Chemical Engineering Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus and Algebra Electricity and Electronics Mechanics General Chemistry Chemical Engineering Humanities and Social Sciences 2 Workshop Practice

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus Differential Equations Chemistry Programming and Information Technology Strength of Materials Chemical Engineering Chemical Engineering Materials Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Numerical Methods Chemistry Electrical Engineering Engineering Statistics Thermodynamics Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Management Transfer Processes Biochemical Engineering Mass Transfer Chemical Engineering Professional and Technical Communication Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Activity and Group Work Process Dynamics Kinetics Laboratory Chemical Engineering Design

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Particle Technology Process Synthesis Process Control Reactor Design Research Project Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Design Project Process Analysis Research Project Specialisation Chemical Engineering Practice

humankind. Most of the facilities civil engineers help to create are the infrastructure for wealth and job creation in other industries, such as factories and housing. The nature of civil engineering has changed drastically with information technology and computer software making mathematical modelling and designs more effective. This enables the civil engineer to concentrate on the more fundamental aspects of developmental work and design. The worldwide trend towards environmental awareness has a growing impact on the civil engineer's working methods. Information technology, and environmental engineering and management increasingly form a greater part of training, so that a civil engineer can still be provided with a broad-based qualification that offers challenging, fulfilling and highly adjustable career opportunities throughout an entire career lifespan of 40 to 50 years.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphical Communication Calculus General Chemistry Materials Science Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus and Algebra Physics Mechanics Electricity and Electronics Humanities and Social Sciences 2 Workshop Practice

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus Differential Equations Strength of Materials Professional and Technical Communication Geomaterials and Processes Statics Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Numerical Methods Structural Analysis Pavement Materials and Design Engineering Statistics Civil Engineering Measurement Techniques Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydraulics Structural Analysis Civil Engineering Economics Programming and Information Technology Soil Mechanics Timber Design 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydraulics Geotechnical Engineering Civil Building Materials Structural Concrete Transportation Engineering

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hydraulics Research Project Steel Design Reinforced Concrete Design Infrastructure Planning Engineering Professionalism Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Geotechnology Civil Engineering Construction Management Computer Applications in Civil Engineering Detailed Design

Department of Civil Engineering

BEng (Civil Engineering)

Civil engineers create facilities that improve the quality of peoples' lives and the environment. This process entails research into the proposed facility, the planning, design and construction of the facility, as well as its continued maintenance. Civil engineers design, build and maintain constructions such as tower blocks and skyscrapers, dams, canals and pipelines, roads, bridges, tunnels, railway lines, airports, power stations, television towers, waterworks and outfall installations. These facilities have a long lifespan, with a direct impact on man and the environment. Hence, civil engineers are trained to deal not only with the analytical aspects of design, but also to liaise and consult directly with communities and individuals in order to design, build and maintain such facilities cost-effectively to the benefit of

School of Engineering

Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering

BEng (Computer Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Computer engineering is one of the three internationally accepted and closely related sub disciplines of the traditional field of electrical engineering (electrical engineering, electronic engineering and computer engineering). Computer engineering is the most dynamic and rapidly growing engineering discipline in the vast and constantly expanding field of information and communication technology (ICT). There is hardly a technological system in the world that does not rely on computer engineering. It involves a combination of electronics, computer systems (hardware and software) and communication systems. A computer engineer is someone with a talent for optimising electronic systems with dedicated computing systems and control software. This includes computer and communication networks of all sizes – from a couple of microcontrollers to the worldwide web. It is essential to know what this career entails before enrolling for the programme.

A computer engineer has a good understanding of the basic sciences and a sound education in the theoretical and practical aspects (including design methodology) of electronics, digital systems, computer systems and control software. With the dramatic increase in computing and storage capabilities, as well as a decrease in size and cost, most technological systems include components of computer engineering.

The computer engineering degree at the University of Pretoria was developed in 1998 to deliver graduates who can undertake the most demanding challenges of the ICT world in all its forms. Examples of computer engineering include cell phone technology, car control computers for engine management, entertainment systems, security systems, air-conditioning, active suspension and the anti-lock braking system (ABS). These all use the principles of sensing, computing and actuation under optimised software control. This is the fastest growing new discipline in engineering with job opportunities all over the world.

Computer engineering is used in the following fields in particular: telecommunications, computer networking, cell phone operations, computer system companies, military technologies (avionics, night vision, electronic warfare, smart bombs, drones, laser target designators), transport technologies (toll roads), internet banking, security systems, consumer equipment, modems, hand-held scanners, voting, medical systems (portable and remote diagnostic recorders), robotics, entertainment equipment, global positioning system (GPS) navigation, measurement and control software, and fibre-optic networks (self-healing networks).

A computer engineer has to be innovative and stay abreast of new technologies and developments in software and hardware. Many computer engineers move very quickly into management, where their analytical, synthesis, managerial and leadership skills are used to reach the highest levels of corporate management.

The aim of computer engineering is to integrate electronic, computing and control systems in the best way possible to ensure fast, small and powerful systems. Typical subsystems include sophisticated software for artificial intelligence, biometrics, radio frequency (RF) subsystems and real-time applications, software engineering, human language technologies, e-commerce, m-commerce, billing software, data security and various networking applications, such as storage area networks.

Career opportunities

Computer engineering graduates have a wide range of job opportunities. These include working for a company (large or small) anywhere in the world as an employee, being an entrepreneur or being self-employed. Research and development opportunities are available in communication, computer systems, networking, peace-keeping operations, medical, transportation, software and electronics companies in South Africa and all over the world. This provides the opportunity to innovate: thinking of a problem to be solved, and coming up with a solution, even possibly patenting the idea. The academic programme at the University of Pretoria prepares students to be leaders in the field of computer engineering – with excellent financial rewards and professional satisfaction.

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First semester	Second semester
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Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus ▪ Differential Equations ▪ Data Structures and Algorithms ▪ Electrical Engineering ▪ Materials Science ▪ Professional and Technical Communication ▪ Community-based Project <p>Recess Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Information Technology Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Numerical Methods ▪ Linear Systems ▪ Digital Systems ▪ Engineering Statistics ▪ Community-based Project

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Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Management Microprocessors Analogue Electronics Intelligent Systems Electromagnetic Compatibility <p>Recess Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Technology Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Activity and Group Work Computer Engineering Design Software Engineering Control Systems Digital Communications
Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Engineering Professionalism DSP Programming and Application Computer Engineering: Architecture and Systems e-Business and Network Security <p>Recess Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Training and Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Specialisation

BEng (Electrical Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Electrical engineering is one of the three internationally accepted and closely related sub disciplines in the traditional field of electrical engineering (electrical engineering, electronic engineering and computer engineering). Electrical engineering entails the vast and constantly expanding field of the “electrical energy world”. There is hardly a technological system in the world that does not rely on electrical power as a source of energy. An electrical engineer is someone with a talent for introducing alternative and renewable sources of electrical energy into everyday life.

Huge challenges exist for utilising and storing electrical energy from such sources as the sun (solar energy), wind, biomass, water (hydro-energy) and even nuclear energy. In South Africa, pumped storage systems are extensively used and new systems are under construction. The next steps in the chain from generating to utilising electrical energy are the transmission and distribution systems. The most cost-effective way of saving electrical energy is to spend a great deal of research and development time and money on sustainable energy-efficient equipment, from electrical machines to geysers and lighting.

An electrical engineer has a good understanding of basic sciences and a good education in the theoretical and practical aspects (including design, installation and maintenance methodology) of electrical engineering. In the midst of the worldwide crisis of the environmentally friendly generation of power and energy, there is a shortage of qualified electrical engineers all over the world.

The electrical engineering degree at the University of Pretoria was developed over many years to provide exactly what the industry expects from such an engineer. There are extremely exciting

opportunities worldwide for electrical (high-current) engineers capable of taking the lead with sustainable and environmentally friendly electrical energy generation, transmission and utilisation. Electrical cars (including series and parallel hybrid vehicles) have already been introduced by most car manufacturers and there are many new entrants to the market.

Electrical engineering is prevalent in almost all application fields and technologies where electrical energy is consumed. Every known piece of equipment requires a source of energy – powered by mains, batteries or photovoltaic (PV) cells – and needs the skill of an electrical engineer. The transport and manufacturing industries are excellent examples of electrical engineering, where electrical engineers use their excellent skills in designing, developing and maintaining the electrical machines (motors and generators) with control systems for optimal performance. Most ships and trains are electrically powered.

Other applications of electrical engineering include power reticulation in cities, townships, shopping malls and factories. The lighting of indoor and outdoor areas forms the basis of our daily activities and includes sport stadiums, street lighting, safety and security lighting, task and ambient lighting, as well as lighting for offices, entertainment and many other specialist applications. Whether it is medicine, the military, entertainment, sport, education or any other field of technology, electrical engineers will be there to provide the energy and control required by these systems. An electrical engineer has to be innovative and stay abreast of new technologies. Many electrical engineers move into management very quickly, where their analysis, synthesis, managerial and leadership skills are used to reach the highest levels of corporate management. There is a worldwide shortage of electrical engineers.

The aim of electrical engineering is to change the world with respect to generating, transmitting, distributing and utilising electrical energy in an environmentally friendly and sustainable way. Typical subsystems that may form part of larger electrical systems are electrical machines of all sizes and shapes, power electronics, control systems, power system components, power quality and network stability, lamps and lighting, power supplies, photovoltaic (PV) cells, solar geysers, space systems, robotics and energy management systems.

Career opportunities

Electrical engineering graduates have a wide range of job opportunities. These include working for electricity utility companies, mining houses, municipalities, consulting engineers, transportation (rail and sea) companies and research organisations, locally and elsewhere in the world. The opening up of electrical energy generation and distribution creates tremendous opportunities for entrepreneurs in South Africa and abroad. Research and development opportunities are available at institutions such as Denel, Eskom, the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and Transnet.

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First year	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphical Communication Calculus General Chemistry Materials Science Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus and Algebra Physics Mechanics Electricity and Electronics Humanities and Social Sciences 2
Recess Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Laboratory Measurements and Computer Simulations 	

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus Differential Equations Dynamics Electrical Engineering Imperative Programming Professional and Technical Communication Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mathematics Numerical Methods Engineering Statistics Linear Systems Digital Systems Community-based Project
Recess Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Wiring 	

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engineering Management Electromagnetism Microprocessors Analogue Electronics Electrical Machines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Power System Components Engineering Activity and Group Work Control Systems Power Electronics Electrical Engineering Design
Recess Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DSP Programming 	

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Engineering Professionalism Electrical Drives Power System Analysis Automation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Energy
Recess Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Practical Training and Report 	

An electronic engineer has a good understanding of the basic sciences and a good education in the theoretical and practical aspects (including design methodology) of electronics and electronic engineering systems. With the drastic increase in the development of new electronic systems all over the world, it is essential to be well prepared for the work of an electronic engineer.

The electronic engineering degree at the University of Pretoria was developed over many years to provide exactly what the industry expects from such an engineer. This is an exciting world, with the “half-life” of microelectronics and photonics being approximately two-and-a-half years. There are constant improvements and developments.

Electronic engineering is used in almost all information, communication and technology (ICT) application fields, especially those of telecommunications (cell phones, broadcasting, internet service providers (ISPs), telecommunications companies (Telcos), global positioning systems (GPSs), transport (aeroplanes, ships, trains, motor cars), consumer equipment (iPods, induction stoves, fridges, microwaves, televisions), peace-keeping operations (avionics, night vision, electronic warfare, smart bombs, drones, laser target designators), medicine (bioengineering, diagnostic systems, rehabilitation engineering, intensive care units, laser surgery), robotics (mechatronics, mine robots, spacecraft), entertainment (video games, shows, casinos), mining, manufacturing, navigation, communication, satellite surveillance (day and night), entrance control (face recognition) and photonics (lasers, optical fibres, networking).

Electronic engineers have to be innovative and ensure that they stay abreast of new technologies. Many electronic engineers move very quickly into management, where their analytical, synthesis, managerial and leadership skills are used to reach the highest levels of corporate management. A number of graduates of this Department have sold their ideas (patents) for hundreds of millions of rands.

The aim of electronic engineering is to do things faster, cheaper, in smaller sizes and with much more control and artificial intelligence. Typical subsystems that form part of larger electronic systems are amplifiers, transmitters, receivers, control systems, sensor systems, power supplies, radio frequency (RF) subsystems, micro- and nanoelectronics and microprocessors, digital signal processors (DSPs) and field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). Most electronic systems use a standard process of measurement (sensing), calculate/compare/store information and controlled outputs (actuators) with extensive computing and communication power.

Career opportunities

Electronic engineering graduates have a wide range of job opportunities. These include working for companies (large or small) anywhere in the world as employees, or being entrepreneurs or self-employed. Research and development opportunities are available at electronics and microelectronics companies in South Africa, research institutes (such as the CSIR) and universities all over the world. It thus provides graduates with the opportunity to innovate: that is to identify real-life problems and to come up with solutions, and possibly even patenting their ideas. The academic programme at the University of Pretoria prepares students to be leaders in the field of electronic engineering – with excellent financial rewards and professional satisfaction.

BEng (Electronic Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Electronic engineering is one of the three internationally accepted and closely related sub disciplines in the traditional field of electrical engineering (electrical engineering, electronic engineering and computer engineering). Electronic engineering entails the vast and constantly expanding field of the “electronic world and era”. There is hardly a technological system in the world that does not rely on electronics and electronic engineering. An electronic engineer is someone with a talent for introducing new technologies and upgrading old technologies.

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Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus ▪ Differential Equations ▪ Dynamics ▪ Electrical Engineering ▪ Imperative Programming ▪ Professional and Technical Communication ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Numerical Methods ▪ Engineering Statistics ▪ Linear Systems ▪ Digital Systems ▪ Community-based Project
Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engineering Management ▪ Electromagnetism ▪ Analogue Electronics ▪ Microprocessors ▪ Modulation Systems 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engineering Activity and Group Work ▪ Microwaves and Antennas ▪ Stochastic Communication Systems ▪ Control Systems ▪ Electronic Engineering Design
Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project ▪ Engineering Professionalism ▪ DSP Programming and Application ▪ Advanced Electronics ▪ Automation <p>Recess Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Practical Training and Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project ▪ Specialisation

Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering

BEng (Industrial Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Industrial engineers are generally responsible for the analysis, design, planning, implementation, operation, management and maintenance of integrated systems. These systems consist of people, capital, material, equipment, information and energy. The aim is to increase the productivity of the organisation and create wealth.

Career opportunities

Since almost any organisation could benefit from the services of industrial engineers, they are employed in a wide variety of organisations in the industrial, business and service sectors. Typical activities comprise the following:

- design, implementation and management of production processes and equipment
- design and improvement of plant layout
- design and improvement of business processes
- functional design and implementation of information systems
- development and implementation of performance criteria and standards
- provision of decision support
- scheduling of activities
- analysis of systems with the aid of mathematical and simulation models
- economic evaluation of alternatives
- integration of new systems in an existing environment

Is engineering a profession intended mainly for men? As far as industrial engineering is concerned, the answer to this question is a resounding 'No.' Women who have completed their industrial engineering degrees at the University of Pretoria have come into their own in this profession and are counted among the top achievers, both as academics and as practising engineers. This Department is the largest of its kind in South Africa and currently has more than 500 students. Academic staff are specialists in their respective fields. Alumni of the Department have made major contributions in several spheres of society and occupy important positions in organisations throughout South Africa. Others are employed overseas. Currently, the demand for industrial engineers exceeds the supply and young graduates are virtually assured of employment.

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Industrial Engineering students qualify for Netherlands grand finale in Global Supply Chain Student Challenge

A group of four students from the Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering along with their lecturer and mentor, Dr Olufemi Adetunji, represented the University of Pretoria – and South Africa – in the Netherlands at the **Supply Chain Finance Community's Global Student Challenge**.

Annually teams from universities and business schools across the globe compete against each other in **The Cool Connection Global Student Challenge**. The teams have to save a fictional company (that manufactures personal care products) from suffering losses. They have to appoint a new management team and each student assumes a role in this team. The assignment is to make the company profitable again by increasing the return on investment. So participants are required to make a range of strategic and tactical decisions to optimise the supply chain in the business.

We are extremely proud of our students!



From left: Mashudu Mukhaninga, Zime Mtolo, Dr Olufemi Adetunji, Getrude Chibvongodze, Pamela Mukwenha

School of Engineering

First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graphical Communication ▪ Physics ▪ Calculus ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 1 ▪ Electricity and Electronics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus and Algebra ▪ General Chemistry ▪ Mechanics ▪ Materials Science ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 2 ▪ Workshop Practice
Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus ▪ Differential Equations ▪ Dynamics ▪ Programming and Information Technology ▪ Manufacturing and Design ▪ Professional and Technical Communication ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Numerical Methods ▪ Engineering Statistics ▪ Productivity ▪ Thermodynamics ▪ Community-based Project
Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engineering Management ▪ Business Law ▪ Manufacturing Systems ▪ Operational Management ▪ Operations Research ▪ Financial Management ▪ Industrial Analysis ▪ Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engineering Activity and Group Work ▪ Industrial Logistics ▪ Information Systems Design ▪ Simulation Modelling ▪ Facilities Planning
Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Operations Research ▪ Quality Assurance ▪ Management Accounting ▪ Engineering Professionalism ▪ Project ▪ Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project ▪ Labour Relations ▪ Business Engineering ▪ Systems Engineering ▪ Engineering Economics

Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering

BEng (Metallurgical Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

South Africa is blessed with the world's largest mineral deposits of gold, chromium, platinum, vanadium and manganese. This country also has large reserves of iron, lead, zinc, copper, nickel, coal and diamonds. The minerals industry contributes to some 50% of South Africa's exports and is one of the largest employers in the country. The metallurgical engineer plays a key role in the production of minerals and metals. Metallurgical engineers help to process metals into final products with added value. In this way, maximum income is generated in international markets. Components made from metals and other materials are used in all aspects of modern life.

Career opportunities

The metallurgical engineer plays a key role in the process of extracting wealth from the resources of South Africa and can be involved in three major fields of specialisation in metallurgical engineering:

- **Minerals processing.** Processing the ore to release and concentrate the valuable minerals from the minerals resource.
- **Extractive metallurgy.** The processing of mineral concentrates to metals through pyrometallurgy, for example, smelting or hydrometallurgy as recovery step.
- **Materials production, performance and integrity.** The development of new alloys, the production of useful materials from raw metals, forming through casting and joining through welding, for instance. The investigation of failures is also of great importance.

Graduates in metallurgical engineering are responsible for process/component design and optimisation, commissioning, marketing, business analysis and research. There is a place for everyone in metallurgical engineering!

Behind the scenes

The Department of Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering is currently the only independent metallurgical engineering department at a South African university. It therefore plays a leading role in the education of metallurgical engineers for the South African metallurgical and mining industries, and its graduate students are sought after. In addition, many graduate engineers from other disciplines take courses in the Department to enhance their skills in the rich minerals industry (in South Africa and abroad).

Unconditional accreditation by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) is a confirmation of the quality of undergraduate teaching in the Department. Furthermore, the degree currently enjoys international recognition. Its staff consults and performs research for industry and maintain close contact with local metallurgical industries to ensure that teaching and research are in line with industry needs. Sophisticated research equipment is available in the Department, as well as in the Industrial Metals and Minerals Institute (IMMRI), which is situated in the Department. Bursaries for metallurgical engineering are also available from various industry partners (see the website for additional information: www.up.ac.za/metal).

Students are supported in several ways by the Department. A member of staff is appointed as mentor for each year group to help students overcome problems. For first-year students in particular, there is an intensive mentorship programme. The normal programme runs over four years, but there is also a five-year programme (ENGAGE) for students who require additional support and mentoring. Social and sports functions are organised by the Metallurgical Student Association.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graphical Communication ▪ General Chemistry ▪ Materials Science ▪ Calculus ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus and Algebra ▪ Electricity and Electronics ▪ Mechanics ▪ Physics ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 2 ▪ Workshop Practice

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus ▪ Differential Equations ▪ Dynamics ▪ Programming and Information Technology ▪ Mineralogy ▪ Professional and Technical Communication ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mathematics ▪ Numerical Methods ▪ Electrical Engineering ▪ Materials Science ▪ Process Thermodynamics ▪ Engineering Statistics ▪ Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Materials Science ▪ Minerals Processing ▪ Engineering Management ▪ Thermoflow ▪ Electrochemistry ▪ Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hydrometallurgy ▪ Pyrometallurgy ▪ Refractory Materials ▪ Mechanical Metallurgy ▪ Engineering Activity and Group Work ▪ Excursions

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Process Metallurgy and Control ▪ Literature Survey ▪ Hydrometallurgy ▪ Minerals Processing ▪ Metals Processing ▪ Engineering Professionalism ▪ Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Project ▪ Process Design

Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering

BEng (Mechanical Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

Mechanical and aeronautical engineering entails the application of science to design, manufacture, operate and maintain mechanical and aeronautical equipment and processes. The undergraduate course focuses on the establishment of a broad knowledge of engineering and includes subjects such as dynamics, strength of materials, thermodynamics, fluid mechanics and design. The outputs of mechanical and aeronautical engineers include products and services that add value to the economy of the country. Mechanical and aeronautical expertise are instrumental in the design and manufacture of products and services, for example, the provision of electricity and water, transport

(road, railway and air), mining activities, mechatronics and air-conditioning. As a result of the broad technical background, mechanical and aeronautical engineers either pursue technical careers in these fields or often develop into very successful senior managers in these industries.

Behind the scenes

In the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering, prospective students may rest assured that they will receive first-class education, comparable to the best in the world as attested by the international accreditation of the graduate programme by the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA). The lecturers in the department are all actively involved in the industry, either as consultants or as researchers. The Department has already received eight design awards from the South African Bureau of Standards. It has modern and fully equipped laboratories and computer facilities and is the largest of its kind in South Africa. At undergraduate level, about 20% of students are female, emphasising the diversity of our student body. Alumni of the Department have made great contributions in several spheres of society and occupy important positions in organisations throughout South Africa. Others are employed overseas.

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The curriculum is summarised in the following tables (students specialising in Aeronautical Engineering perform their final year research and design projects on aeronautical topics):

First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Graphical Communication ▪ Calculus ▪ Physics ▪ Electricity and Electronics ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calculus and Algebra ▪ Mechanics ▪ Materials Science ▪ Humanities and Social Sciences 2 ▪ General Chemistry ▪ Workshop Practice

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Manufacturing and Design ▪ Programming and Information Technology ▪ Dynamics ▪ Calculus ▪ Differential Equations ▪ Professional and Technical Communication ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Structural Design ▪ Thermodynamics ▪ Mathematics ▪ Numerical Methods ▪ Engineering Statistics ▪ Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Structural Mechanics ▪ Thermodynamics ▪ Engineering Management ▪ Machine Design ▪ Thermoflow ▪ Practical Training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Vibration and Noise ▪ Solid Mechanics ▪ Engineering Activity and Group Work ▪ Simulated-based Design ▪ Electrical Engineering

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Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computational Fluid Dynamics Thermodflow Engineering Professionalism Practical Training Design Project Research Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Project Thermal and Fluid Machines Control Systems <p>Electives: Aeronautics; Maintenance Engineering; Nuclear Engineering; Vehicle Engineering; Mechatronics; Heat and Mass Transfer; Fossil Fuel Power Stations; Optimum Design; Porous Flow</p>

Department of Mining Engineering

BEng (Mining Engineering)

What does the programme entail?

The profession of mining engineering encompasses a wide spectrum of engineering work – from mine evaluation to industrial control. For instance, mining engineers may undertake the evaluation of a new mining project as soon as the discovery and geological confirmation of a mineral deposit have been completed. If such a mineral deposit is found to be viable, mining engineers will design the mine to exploit the mineral deposit. Where the mineral deposit is close to the surface, an opencast mine will be preferred, but for deeper deposits, an underground mine will be planned. Mining engineers will coordinate the construction of such a mine and bring it to the stage where it starts producing.

A typical mine has a lifespan of 15 to perhaps 100 years. The design of the mining excavations, with their equipment and services, the planning of all the activities and the management of the operation at all levels is the responsibility of the mining engineer. This professional will also provide expert advice on rock breaking, blasting, materials transport systems, mine planning and scheduling, mechanical tunnel development, mine climate control, rock mechanics, support of excavations, devising mining methods, as well as the design and development of equipment.

Career opportunities

In addition to operational management, mining engineers are often involved in the planning and execution of research and development work. In order to maintain the proud position of the South African mining industry as a world leader, it is necessary to accept the challenges of technological development through extensive research and development programmes. Mining engineers fulfil the role of expert consulting engineers in various mining groups, as well as in private practice. Universities, government departments and financial institutions also employ mining engineers.

The mining industry is one of the largest industries in the country and certainly one of the most important. It supplies raw materials to a large variety of domestic industries, as well as energy minerals. On the other hand, precious metals, non-precious minerals, energy minerals and diamonds are exported to earn foreign exchange. More than 70 different minerals are currently produced in South Africa. They contribute directly to the gross domestic product. The mining industry provides job opportunities to more than 400 000 people. Among these, there are obviously many employment opportunities for professionals.

Behind the scenes

The number of students in the Department has increased in recent years; however, classes are still relatively small. Therefore it is possible for staff to give intensive attention to individual students. A great number of technical visits offer students the opportunity to get acquainted with every aspect of the mining industry.

A characteristic of the mining engineering programme is that close group cohesion develops among students and continues long after graduation.

Take note: Prospective mining engineering students are advised to verify if they are medically compliant with the government requirements to work on a mine. Consult www.mohealth.co.za and www.dme.gov.za/pdfs/mhs/occupational_health/fitness_minimum_standards.pdf.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Graphical Communication General Chemistry Materials Science Calculus Humanities and Social Sciences 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calculus and Algebra Electricity and Electronics Mechanics Physics Humanities and Social Sciences 2 Workshop Practice

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dynamics Programming and Information Technology Calculus Differential Equations Strength of Materials Professional and Technical Communication Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surveying Numerical Methods Engineering Statistics Thermodynamics Mathematics Experiential Training Community-based Project Virtual Reality introduction to Mining

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Surface Mining and Geotechnics Thermodfluids Introduction to Geology Minerals Processing Engineering Management Experiential Training Industrial Excursions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explosive Engineering Mineral Economics Engineering Activity and Group Work Mining Introduction to Project Historical Geology

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mine Ventilation Engineering Mine Operational Risk Management Engineering Professionalism Strata Control Structural Geology Mining 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mine Design Geodynamics Ore Formation Industrial Excursions Project

School of Engineering

The Engineering Augmented Degree Programme (ENGAGE)

An engineering degree is very demanding. The workload is high, the pace is fast and the modules are academically challenging. Many students also face challenges regarding background knowledge in Mathematics and Physical Science, academic literacy and information technology, and may not have effective study skills to cope with the mainstream four-year programme. In addition, many students struggle with the transition to university life, with the very large first-year classes, freedom from strict discipline, and many social activities, even if they attended high-performing schools.

This is why the School of Engineering offers a five-year programme, called the Engineering Augmented Degree Programme (ENGAGE). ENGAGE is available in all the engineering disciplines. It provides a carefully structured curriculum that helps students adjust to university life and cope with the academic demands of engineering studies. In ENGAGE, the volume of work is gradually increased while the support provided is gradually decreased over a period of three years. However, the workload – the time students must spend on their studies – is high from the very beginning, so ENGAGE is not for students who do not want to work!

Structure of the programme

In ENGAGE, students take all the first-year modules of the four-year degree programme in the same classes as the other students, but spread them out over a two-year period. In addition, for every 16-credit 100-level (first-year) module, students also take an eight-credit augmented module. For example, in the first semester students take the same Mathematics module (16 credits) as the four-year degree students, as well as Additional Mathematics (eight credits). In Additional Mathematics, students are divided into groups of about 50 and work on strengthening problem-solving and other cognitive skills, developing conceptual understanding and acquiring the background knowledge needed for the four-year Mathematics module.

In the first year of study, ENGAGE students take the basic/natural sciences modules that form the foundation of engineering, namely Chemistry, Physics and Mathematics. Computer engineering students take Mechanics instead of Chemistry. ENGAGE students also take Professional Orientation, which provides an introduction to technology and information technology, as well as developing students' life skills, study skills and communication skills. All first-year students take a module in humanities and social sciences (HAS module).

In the second year, ENGAGE students take the introductory (100-level) engineering modules. For each engineering module, they also take a compulsory additional module. Second-year students also take one 200-level Mathematics module per

semester. In the third year, students take the remaining 200-level modules, but since they have already taken two 200-level Mathematics modules, they have a slightly lighter load than the four-year programme students. ENGAGE students follow exactly the same programme as the four-year programme students for the last two years of their studies.

All the prescribed components of ENGAGE are compulsory. Attendance of all modules is also compulsory.

Four-year programme modules	Foundation modules
First year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-level Natural Science modules 100-level Humanities and Social Sciences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional module for each Natural Science module Professional Orientation
Second year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100-level Engineering modules 200-level Mathematics modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional module for each Engineering module
Third year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200-level Engineering modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Fourth year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 300-level Engineering modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None
Fifth year	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400-level Engineering modules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None

Who may register for ENGAGE?

Students may apply for ENGAGE if:

- their marks in the National Senior Certificate meet the admission requirements for the four-year programme, but they would like more support; **or**
- their marks in the National Senior Certificate do not meet the requirements for entry into the four-year programme, but do meet the requirements for the five-year programme. These students will be required to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT).

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School for the Built Environment

School for the Built Environment

Highlights

The School for the Built Environment offers the entire spectrum of programmes in the built environment (degrees in architecture, quantity surveying, construction management, real estate and town and regional planning).

The Department of Architecture presents programmes in the disciplines of architecture, landscape architecture and interior architecture. Graduates of the professional programmes are able to register with the relevant professional or statutory bodies, namely the South African Council for the Architectural Profession (SACAP), the South African Institute of the Interior Design Professions (IID) and the South African Council for the Landscape Architectural Profession (SACLAP). The Department also offers research studies on honours, master's and doctoral degree levels. The programme in landscape architecture is the only undergraduate degree of its kind offered at a university in South Africa.

The BSc (Quantity Surveying), BScHons (Quantity Surveying), BSc (Construction Management), BScHons (Construction Management), BSc (Real Estate), BScHons (Real Estate) and MSc (Real Estate) programmes are accredited at various national and international Professional Councils. Graduates who have obtained a BScHons (Quantity Surveying) may, after submitting proof of prescribed professional practical experience and successful completion of an assessment of professional competence, register with the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession.

An honours degree in Real Estate can lead to registration as a professional Property Valuer. The property sector forms an appreciable part of the South African economy – in fact, Real Estate comprises about 40% to 50% of the world's total assets.

Graduates with a Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning can register as professional Town and Regional Planners with the South African Council for Town and Regional Planners, which is an official body established in terms of an act of Parliament. The degree is internationally recognised.

Department of Architecture

The Department of Architecture presents programmes in architecture, interior architecture and landscape architecture. These programmes focus on the design and realisation of meaningful environments for users across varying scales, and as such complement and support one another. Students in the Department are exposed to all three disciplines during their studies – a unique academic offering in South Africa.

Through commitment to innovation and internationally recognised programmes, the Department retains professional qualifications of a high standard. The curriculum integrates knowledge from the humanities and the sciences to develop students' spatial design skills and aims to instil a culture of lifelong learning in graduates. As a result, the graduates of this Department are highly regarded both locally and abroad.

BSc (Architecture)

Undergraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome (registration with SACAP)
BSc (Architecture)	Three years (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate senior architectural technologist
At least one year of work or travel recommended before postgraduate studies are undertaken.		
Postgraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome
Bachelor of Architecture Honours	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate senior architectural technologist
Master of Architecture	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate architect

Architects design spaces and buildings to satisfy our daily needs and improve the environment in which we live. They need abilities and skills that range from the practical to the artistic and from the technical to the theoretical. As professionals they conceptualise, design and document building projects and oversee quality control during construction. Architects are ethically and legally bound through institutes and a government controlled council, which protects the interests of the public. Architects may manage their own practices or work for other, often, multidisciplinary firms, or can make contributions to the government sector and education.

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BSc (Interior Architecture)

Undergraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome (registration with IID)
BSc (Interior Architecture)	Three years (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate interior architect
At least one year of work or travel recommended before postgraduate studies are undertaken.		
Postgraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome
Bachelor of Interior Architecture Honours	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate senior interior architect
Master of Interior Architecture	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate interior architect

The programme in interior architecture empowers students to design sustainable, meaningful and beautiful places within the context of architectural space. Graduates possess the theoretical and technical knowledge to engage critically with proposed or existing structures. Designers of interior environments shape the relationship between space, object and user. They follow a human-centred approach and perform spatial design and research services across various scales and building types. Graduates work as designers in the built environment and related fields such as exhibition, lighting, product and stage design. The programme offers students the opportunity to become specialists in interior design within an interdisciplinary learning environment.

BSc (Landscape Architecture)

Undergraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome (registration with SACLAP)
BSc (Landscape Architecture)	Three years (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate landscape architectural technologist
At least one year of work or travel recommended before postgraduate studies are undertaken.		
Postgraduate (by coursework)	Minimum duration	Outcome
Bachelor of Landscape Architecture Honours	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate landscape architectural technologist
Master of Landscape Architecture	One year (full-time, studio-based)	Candidate landscape architect

Landscapes express the dynamic interaction between the activities of societies and the physical environment. Landscape architecture is a profession and academic discipline concerned with the design of rural and urban outside spaces across various scales informed by this interaction. It considers change over time and mediates art and science, artefact and nature, city and region, and private and public interests. Landscape architects therefore synthesise knowledge from the humanities and the sciences to design sustainable, meaningful and beautiful places that are grounded in material and immaterial culture, and the ecology of their local contexts.

Admission by selection

A limited number of students are admitted to the Department annually. Admission to the Department is by selection. Please refer to www.up.ac.za/architecture for information on the selection requirements and processes.

National Benchmark Test (NBT)

Although the Department of Architecture does not require of applicants to write the National Benchmark Test (NBT), applicants are advised to do so. In certain cases, especially where an applicant's final Grade 12 results are disputed, the NBT results may be considered. In special cases the Admissions Officer will inform candidates should the NBT be an additional requirement. If you plan to also apply at other departments or institutions, you are advised to enquire if these tests are a requirement for admission.

Important dates

Applications open on 1 March annually and close on 31 May. Applicants can visit the Department's webpage for other important dates.

Contact information

The Department of Architecture does not deal with the administrative aspects of student affairs, such as applications, tuition fees, bursaries, and registration, study permits for international students or accommodation. Prospective students should address queries in this regard, as well as their applications for admission, to the Department of Enrolment and Student Administration.

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Department of Construction Economics

BSc (Construction Management)

What does the programme entail?

Construction managers are business people who work as contractors, project managers and/or property experts in the built environment and can add value to almost any building related activity. The programme focuses on the technical, financial and managerial aspects of construction. In the three-year programme the main focus is on the technical aspects.

During the one-year honours degree following the BSc degree, students receive further training in aspects such as financial management, project management and strategic management. On successful completion of the three-year programme, students can enter a career in construction management or subcontract and main contract work. On successful completion of the one-year honours degree, opportunities become far wider, with project management, property development, portfolio management, commercial marketing and managerial positions in the corporate environment as some possibilities.

Selection process

Only a limited number of candidates can be accommodated and admission is subject to selection.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Academic Information Management ▪ Academic Literacy ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Introduction to Structures ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Organisation ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ History of the Environment ▪ Structures ▪ Economics
Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Labour Law ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Construction Quantities ▪ Reinforced Concrete Structures ▪ Site Surveying 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Construction Quantities ▪ Civil Engineering Services

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Law ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Construction Management ▪ Financial Management 210 ▪ Construction Quantities ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing ▪ Building Science ▪ Introduction to Property Law ▪ Sustainable Construction ▪ Construction Management ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Construction Quantities ▪ Financial Management 320 ▪ Community-based Project

BSc (Quantity Surveying)

What does the programme entail?

Quantity surveyors are independent, professional consultants who provide specialised financial and contractual services and advice to clients in the construction industry and act in cooperation with, among others, architects, consulting engineers and contractors to promote the interests of the building client.

Career opportunities

There are various job opportunities in the construction industry. Most quantity surveyors find their way to the private sector, where they are employed at quantity surveying practices. After registration with the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP), quantity surveyors may become partners or directors or they could start their own professional practices. Quantity surveyors also act as project managers and valuers provided that they register with the relevant Councils. Various government departments employ quantity surveyors, and opportunities in the property sector, banking, engineering and manufacturing industries are further career options. However, a number of quantity surveyors also work for construction firms or establish their own building enterprises and construction companies.

Duration of the programme

- **BSc (Quantity Surveying):** The three-year programme will qualify BSc (Quantity Surveying) graduates to support professional quantity surveyors with all types of construction work, particularly buildings and infrastructure.
- **BScHons (Quantity Surveying):** The one-year BScHons (Quantity Surveying) programme qualify graduates to start a professional quantity surveying career in the construction industry and related industries. After submitting proof of prescribed professional practical experience and successful completion of an assessment of professional competence, graduates may register with the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession (SACQSP). The honours degree require students to work part-time at approved quantity surveying firms for at least 240 hours in order to supplement their theoretical studies with hands-on practical experience. It will be expected of students to keep and submit a logbook on the prescribed template.

Selection process

Only a limited number of candidates can be accommodated and admission is subject to selection.

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Behind the scenes

The BScHons (Quantity Surveying): The three-year BSc (Quantity Surveying) and BScHons (Quantity Surveying) programmes are accredited nationally by the SACQSP and internationally by the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). The RICS has a world-wide footprint providing our Quantity Surveying degrees with international recognition.

The Department also offers Master's degree programmes by coursework while a Master's degree can also be obtained by way of a treatise and an oral examination. A doctorate can be obtained by submitting a thesis and passing an oral examination.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Academic Information Management ▪ Academic Literacy ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Introduction to Structures ▪ Economics ▪ Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Organisation ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ History of the Environment ▪ Structures ▪ Economics
Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Site Surveying ▪ Reinforced Concrete Structures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Civil Engineering Services
Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Law ▪ Quantity Surveying Practice ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Financial Management 210 ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing ▪ Quantity Surveying Practice ▪ Building Science ▪ Introduction to Property Law ▪ Sustainable Construction ▪ Quantities ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Financial Management 320 ▪ Community-based Project

BSc (Real Estate)

What does the programme entail?

Real estate is the study of fixed property and related aspects such as property economics, development, management, valuation, financing, investment and marketing.

Career opportunities

Apart from a future in areas such as property investment, property finance and facilities management, further studies to obtain an honours degree in real estate can lead to registration as a professional property valuer. Career opportunities encompass the whole spectrum of the property sector, whether as entrepreneurs in the private sector or as employees in the private, government or semi-governmental sectors.

Duration of the programme

The BSc (Real Estate) programme takes three years to complete, and the honours degree a further year. During the honours degree, students are expected to work at approved property developers or related businesses for at least 240 hours part-time in order to supplement their theoretical studies with hands-on practical experience. It will be expected of students to keep and submit a logbook on the prescribed template.

Selection process

Only a limited number of candidates can be accommodated and admission is subject to selection.

Behind the scenes

Real estate (or property studies) has developed into a specialised field requiring unique expertise. The contribution of professionally trained property practitioners is important to achieve the present socio-political development priorities in South Africa (privatisation of government assets and outsourcing of management functions, redistribution of land and development of low-cost housing). The programme also offers ample opportunity for community service and research.

The property sector forms an appreciable part of the South African economy – in fact, real estate comprises between 40% and 50% of the world's total assets. The number of persons working in the various components of the property industry in South Africa runs into tens of thousands.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Academic Information Management ▪ Academic Literacy ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ Economics ▪ Real Estate ▪ Mathematics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Organisation ▪ Building Drawings ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Quantities ▪ History of the Environment ▪ Economics ▪ Real Estate
Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Property Valuation ▪ Real Estate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Building Science ▪ Statistics ▪ Financial Management ▪ Building Services ▪ Civil Engineering Services ▪ Real Estate ▪ Property Valuation
Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Business Law ▪ Building Science ▪ Building Services ▪ Property Valuation ▪ Real Estate ▪ Financial Management 210 ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing ▪ Building Science ▪ Introduction to Property Law ▪ Sustainable Construction ▪ Property Valuation ▪ Real Estate ▪ Financial Management 320 ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Community-based Project

Department of Town and Regional Planning

BTRP – Bachelor of Town and Regional Planning

What does the profession entail?

Town and regional planning is a profession that promotes and manages change through the planning, design, implementation and management of interventions in the development and use of land. These interventions range from site to supranational level and have as their aim widening of choice, promotion of equity, ensuring sustainable human settlements and improving the quality of people's lives. The guiding motive of the profession is the pursuit of innovative, sustainable and affordable alternatives to existing settlement types.

At the current juncture in South Africa's history, town and regional planning is a crucial profession in the correction of the spatial and other imbalances in both urban and rural areas, as well as the improvement of inefficient, unjust and underperforming human settlements. The challenge for planning lies in the fact that different interests and expectations for the future are often contradictory and conflict-ridden. A professional approach that combines (1) sensitivity and care, and (2) analytical and strategic skills, is required to manage the various political, social, environmental and economic issues at stake.

The ideal town and regional planner is a creative person who is able to put forward innovative solutions to complex problems, a mediator who is able to reconcile diverse points of view, a strategic thinker, a people's person, and a good manager. Given the enormous backlogs in the areas of housing and social



Sifiso Mtimunye is a graduate of the Town and Regional Planning programme at the University of Pretoria. Growing up in rural South Africa sparked his interest in the relationship between people, cities and infrastructure, as well as addressing modern developmental challenges. As an urbanist and optimist in the information age, Sifiso believes that technology plays a major role in improving our ability to plan for future generations.

As a student, Sifiso served as a graphic designer for the feminist organisation Pretoria University Purple Stocking Students (PUPPS).

He was also a trainer at the Centre for Sexualities, AIDS and Gender (CSA&G). In 2013, he received the Golden Key International Honour Society Award for academic achievement. Sifiso has a strong artistic flair that extends throughout his work. This is highlighted by his passion for urban design, geographic information systems (GIS) and visual communication media.

Since graduating, Sifiso has started his career at an urban planning and GIS Company where he applies spatial data technologies for development planning in the African context. Sifiso has gained experience across a wide variety of projects that range from wall-to-wall GIS planning solutions for tribal authorities to spatial population studies for the World Bank in Kinshasa in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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services, and the deep levels of poverty, marginalisation and despair in the country, planners also need a strongly developed sense of social and environmental justice and should be committed to human and community development.

Career opportunities

While most town and regional planners are employed in the three spheres of government, or act as private consultants to the public and the private sectors, they are also employed by research agencies such as the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research and the Human Sciences Research Council, non-governmental and development organisations, community-based organisations, major financial institutions and property development groups. The professional B TRP qualification enables graduates to register as professional town and regional planners with the South African Council for Planners, which is an official body established in terms of an Act of Parliament. The degree is internationally recognised.

Duration of the programme

The minimum period of study is four years' full-time study.

Selection process

Only a limited number of candidates can be accommodated and admission is subject to selection.

Behind the scenes

Practice and theory are integrated in the course. Lectures, project and studio work focus on stimulating critical thought, engaging students in discussion, and applying theory to real world situations by means of practical problem-solving exercises. Instruction is student-centred and the progress of each student is monitored and attended to. One of the trademarks of the Department is a desire to take on new challenges, and the Department is involved in and committed to community development in South Africa. The latter takes place mainly through research and contract work for a range of clients in all three spheres of government.

The Programme

The programme in town and regional planning equips the planner with the necessary knowledge and skills to present interventions to manifold problems in settlements and regions by focusing on the following themes: planning theory and history, land-use management and land development; settlement planning and design; strategic and integrated development planning; urban and rural regeneration; and planning methods and techniques. A number of modules in related fields are also prescribed to ensure that students acquire (1) a multidisciplinary perspective and (2) the knowledge base required to provide innovative, affordable and appropriate solutions to complex urban and rural problems. For a list of all modules, please see: www.up.ac.za/en/town-and-regional-planning/article/50045/undergraduate.

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First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning and Settlement Histories before the Industrial Revolution ▪ Site Analysis and Assessment ▪ Introduction to Planning ▪ Academic Literacy for Town and Regional Planning ▪ Academic Information Management ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Sociology 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning and Settlement Histories since the Industrial Revolution ▪ Settlement Analysis and Assessment ▪ Principles of Settlement Design ▪ Economics ▪ Statistics ▪ Sociology

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Settlement Design Concepts ▪ Introduction to Development Planning ▪ Plan and Policy Analysis and Assessment ▪ Land-use Management Theory ▪ Sociology or Economics ▪ Community-based Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Settlement Establishment and Housing Delivery ▪ Municipal Development Planning ▪ Land-use Management Practice ▪ Urban Land Development Economics ▪ Sociology or Economics ▪ Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Development Planning ▪ Institutional and Legal Structures for Planning ▪ Spatial Concepts ▪ Sociology or Economics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rural Development Planning ▪ Planning Prospects ▪ Transport Planning and Municipal Services Provision ▪ Sociology or Economics

Fourth year	
First semester	Second semester
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Interventions: Peri-urban and Rural Scales ▪ Planning Interventions: Supranational, National and Regional Scale ▪ Research Methodology ▪ Professional Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Planning Interventions: Metropolitan Scale ▪ Planning Interventions: Urban Scale ▪ Research Report ▪ Practical Development Feasibility

School of Information Technology

School of Information Technology

Highlights

The School of Information Technology (SIT) is unique and the first of its kind in South Africa where students have the advantage of an integrated approach to IT with programmes and modern laboratories in Computer Science, Informatics and Information Science. The School offers cross-disciplinary degrees such as MIT and PhD (IT) and each of the departments also has its own selection of undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Staff members collaborate with industry and academic partners from the African continent and the rest of the world on a variety of research projects. The Department of Information Science, with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, offers a fully funded specialised two year Master's coursework degree in information technology (MIT degree) as well as a four-week in-service training programme for qualified librarians from Sub-Saharan Africa. The Department also hosts the African Centre of Excellence for Information Ethics (ACEIE). The centre does research on Information Ethics. Partnering with the Department of Telecommunications and Postal Services and UNESCO, the ACEIE hosts awareness-raising workshops across Africa.

The Department of Informatics is involved in several research projects including two South-African EU projects MOSAIC2B (<http://mobile-empowerment.org/>) and InnXchange (www.nwo.nl/en/research-and-results/programmes/erafrica/research+projects/project+summary+innxchange). MOSAIC 2B is a South-African European research project aiming to develop a new framework that uses cloud-based applications, innovative low-cost internet delivery mechanisms to unlock new mobile business opportunities. InnXchange is a capacity building project aimed at strengthening entrepreneurial training and encouraging entrepreneurial thinking through the development of partnerships between academic institutions and commercial research organisations from Africa and Europe.

The Department of Computer Science is internationally recognised for its research in Artificial Intelligence, and hosts the South African Initiative Chair in Artificial Intelligence. The Department is also well-known for its strong research in Digital Forensics and Computer and Information Security. According to the Essential Sciences Indicators, the Department has been recognised as one of the top one percent internationally for the impact of its research outputs produced.

Department of Informatics

BIT – Bachelor of Information Technology

This exciting programme is the first of its kind in South Africa and integrates, in a four-year programme, the different disciplines related to information technology. Many people have a desire to be professionally prepared for a career in the IT industry as a whole, rather than becoming an expert in a particular field of study. The School therefore designed the programme with the explicit aim of ensuring that students have grounding in all aspects deemed to be a necessary part of the background in the IT profession. The fourth study year includes a six-month learnership with participating organisations where students are employed as trainees.

Due to its nature, the curriculum is tightly prescribed, with relatively few options open to students. This ensures that the group of BIT students has a cohesive team spirit, and a shared ideal and vision. The curriculum is not for the faint-hearted and requires hard work and dedication. On successful completion, BIT graduates can continue with the part-time MIT programme or any other master's degree in the School of Information Technology to complete their professional training.

What does the programme entail?

The programme prepares students to understand the use of IT in organisations. In particular, skills are developed to program on both a small and large scale, and to design and implement IT solutions for organisations in a professional manner. Students learn about the use of information in organisations, and how to organise and retrieve information optimally. Sound communication skills and general problem-solving skills are developed throughout the programme. This is underpinned by language and quantitative mathematical studies and the development of penetrating thinking abilities through a course in philosophy. The final-year learnership introduces students to the working world, and ensures their smooth transition to a professional work life after graduation.

Duration of the programme

The BIT programme takes a minimum of four years to complete.

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BCom (Informatics)

What does the programme entail?

BCom (Informatics) studies the application and use of the computer and information systems in the organisation. The superiority of students in this field lies in their broad background in the field of economic and management sciences, which implies that the world of business is not strange to them. The use of information technology by organisations is growing exponentially and new, more complex and challenging applications are explored and developed on a daily basis. It has the benefit that, in addition to the obvious fact that the work environment of the informatics specialist is particularly interesting, there is also the advantage that many job opportunities are available to well-qualified informatics specialists.

Informatics specialists have the knowledge to analyse the information needs of organisations, be it businesses, government departments, non-profit organisations or any other organisation where information is crucial. They not only analyse the needs, but also address those needs by designing and implementing information systems. Information systems nowadays refer to computer-based systems (including mobile applications) that store and manipulate data so that people can understand, use, interpret and make decisions based on the information.

The BCom (Informatics) degree offered by the University of Pretoria is the only degree in Africa that is internationally accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET) of the USA.

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First year	
First semester and second semester	
Compulsory modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Computer and Information Literacy Academic Literacy Levels Informatics Financial Accounting Economics Statistics Communication Management English Business Management Discrete Structures 	Elective module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marketing Management <p>Elective module that needs to be taken only if chosen as an elective at second- and third-year level.</p>

Second year	
First semester and second semester	
Compulsory modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Ethics Informatics Business Law Community-based Project 	Elective modules (Choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Management Financial Accounting Taxation Statistics Internal Auditing Marketing Management Community-based Project

Third year	
First semester and second semester	
Compulsory module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informatics 	Elective modules (Choose one) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business Management Financial Accounting Statistics Internal Auditing Marketing Management Taxation

Department of Computer Science

BSc (Computer Science)

BSc (Computer Science) is the ideal programme for students who are curious about how computers work, enjoy building things in a careful and systematic fashion, have a logical mind, are good at reasoning in a step-by-step way, find it fun to design things that others can use, are able to pay attention to detail, recognise good style when they see it and keep working at a task until they succeed. A BSc (Computer Science) degree from the University of Pretoria provides breadth and depth in computing skills. It equips students with problem-solving abilities, and gives them a foundation for continued learning in an IT career and for producing high-quality software.

What does the programme entail?

The BSc (Computer Science) degree can be completed in a minimum of three years. The curriculum conforms to the highest international standards and will give students a foundation in all the important areas of computer science. Students will study a rich variety of computer science modules that emphasise the most up-to-date ways of developing software to be used in the IT industry. In addition, this programme includes a significant number of modules in Mathematics and the Sciences. These modules strengthen the kind of thinking done when one develops software and enhances problem-solving abilities. It also provides a basis for research in computer science, which often relies on a certain level of mathematical skill and maturity.

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First year	
First semester and second semester	
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Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Program Design Computers and Algorithms Operating Systems 	
Specified courses from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statistics Science 	

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Second year

First semester and second semester

Computer Science

- Computer Organisation and Architecture
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Netcentric Computer Systems
- Theoretical Computer Science
- Introduction to Database Systems
- Concurrent Systems
- Software Modelling

Mathematics

- Discrete Structures

Community-based Project

Specified courses from:

- Chemistry
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics or Statistics
- Physics

Third year

First semester and second semester

Computer Science

- Software Engineering
- Computer Security and Ethics
- Computer Networks
- Programming Languages
- Compiler Construction

Specified courses from:

- Computer Science
- Information Science
- Mathematics
- Mathematical Statistics or Statistics
- Physics
- Chemistry

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First year

First semester and second semester

- Academic Information Management
- Academic Literacy for IT

Mathematics

- Calculus
- Discrete Structures

Computer Science

- Program Design
- Computers and Algorithms
- Operating Systems

Second year

First semester and second semester

- Computer Organisation and Architecture
- Data Structures and Algorithms
- Computer Systems
- Concurrent Systems
- Theoretical Computer Science
- Software Modelling
- Introduction to Database Systems

Mathematics

- Discrete Structures

Community-based Project

Community-based Project

Third year

First semester and second semester

Computer Science

- Software Engineering
- Computer Security and Ethics
- Computer Networks
- Programming Languages

Information Science

- Multimedia: Human-computer Interaction

Additional modules as needed for the application environment options at first-, second- and third-year levels from one of the following fields:

- Data Science
- Genetics
- Geographical Information Systems
- IT and Enterprises
- IT and Law
- IT and Music
- Software Development

BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems)

BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems) is the ideal programme for students who are interested in computer science, as well as in one of the following study subjects: Data Science, Genetics, Geographical Information Systems, IT and Enterprises, Law, Music and Software Development.

What does the programme entail?

The BSc (Information and Knowledge Systems) programme can be completed in a minimum of three years. It aims to prepare students for pursuing a career in the IT industry. By enabling students to take a second major other than computer science, students are provided with a wider background. Computer science has a multidisciplinary application domain and the purpose of the programme is reflected in the composition of the curriculum by combining the field of computer science with other fields of study.

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BIS (Multimedia)

BIS (Multimedia) is the ideal programme for students who like to work with computers, like programming for multiple platforms, are interested in creating computer games, want to do web design and development, and want to learn how to do animation and image, audio and video editing.

What does the programme entail?

Information can be communicated through various media, such as printed text, text with images, photographs, video, sound and animation. Such information can be delivered in many different ways: from a network-based technology (such as the web and its many devices, ranging from personal computers to mobile devices). Information can thus be delivered in many different (read: "multi") media. The goal of the multimedia degree is to provide students with the theoretical and technical know-how to build information products that use a variety of media and delivery systems.

Career possibilities

With the advent of all kinds of new devices that enable connection with information sources such as the web, there is a global shortage of content producers. The BIS (Multimedia) programme prepares graduates to get jobs with any of these dynamic content producers. They could also become hard-core coders and work for programming companies, or become skilled in their particular areas of interest: digital music or video, programming, graphic development, games development or web development. They could work at any institution that communicates information in multimedia.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Information Management Academic Literacy Levels 	Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Literacy Levels
Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Science Introduction to Information Science 	Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Science Organisation and Representation of Information Information and Communication Technology
Multimedia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark-up Languages 	Multimedia <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia for the Web
Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imperative Programming Introduction to Computer Science 	Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Program Design Software Modelling
Other compulsory module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Design 	Other compulsory modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Design Computer Architecture

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project 	Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project
Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia Advanced Mark-up Languages I Multimedia and Hypermedia Theory 	Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia Advanced Mark-up Languages II
Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy-editing 	
Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Structures and Algorithms Netcentric Computer Systems 	Computer Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operating Systems Concurrent Systems
Other compulsory module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Design 	Other compulsory module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visual Design

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia Multimedia Project Human-computer Interaction 	Core modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multimedia Multimedia Project Trends
Computer Science* Select at least two of the following semester modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Software Engineering Artificial Intelligence Computer Networks Programming Languages Compiler Construction Computer Security and Ethics Computer Graphics Database Systems 	

* The semester in which the modules are offered may vary from year to year.

BIS (Information Science)

BIS (Information Science) is the ideal programme for students who want to participate and contribute to the international information society, buy and sell information, develop information systems, and manage information products and services.

What does the programme entail?

The increasing amount of information available and growing information needs have necessitated the training of information specialists and intermediaries to facilitate the effective bringing together of users and the information they require. This programme focuses on the use of information technology and the processing of information products, and is designed to train students in the management, retrieval and organisation of information, as well as to teach them to package and distribute and add value to information. Students will also have the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills in the management of one of the most important resources of enterprises: information and knowledge.

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Career opportunities

- information managers (manage information and knowledge resources)
- information specialists (organise, retrieve and add value to information)
- information consultants (consult on information products, services and systems)
- information brokers (become an infopreneur and buy and sell information products and services)
- systems specialists (analyse and develop information systems)

Duration of the programme

The BIS (Information Science) programme takes a minimum of three years to complete.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Information Management Academic Literacy Levels 	Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Literacy Levels
Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Information Science Personal Information Management 	Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisation and Representation of Information Information and Communication Technology
Business Management	Business Management
Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics or Group B: Any subject(s) at first-year level 	Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics or Group B: Any subject(s) at first-year level
* If Informatics is selected as a subject at first-year level, a minimum achievement level of 5 (60–69%) must be obtained for Mathematics.	

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project 	Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project
Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Seeking and Retrieval Social and Ethical Impact 	Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Representation and Organisation
Business Management	Business Management
Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics or Group B: Information Science 	Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics or Group B: Information Science
* If Informatics is selected as a subject at first-year level, a minimum achievement level of 5 (60–69%) must be obtained for Mathematics.	

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information Organisation Experimental Learning Project 	Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and Knowledge Management Experimental Learning Project
Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics and Business Management or Group B: Information Science or Group C: *Informatics and Information Science 	Elective modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A: *Informatics and Business Management or Group B: Information Science or Group C: *Informatics and Information Science
* If Informatics is selected as a subject at first-year level, a minimum achievement level of 5 (60–69%) must be obtained for Mathematics.	

BIS (Publishing)

This programme focuses on the theory and practice of book and corporate publishing.

What does the programme entail?

This programme aims to do the following:

- Provide students with knowledge of the publishing process and key role-players, as well as trends and initiatives in the local and international publishing industry.
- Provide students with the skills needed to perform specific tasks related to the publishing process.
- Assist students in becoming responsible information intermediaries and in adding value to the production and dissemination of books and corporate publications.
- Make students aware of the social, ethical and legal responsibilities involved in the publishing process.

Career possibilities

A variety of career opportunities are available in the book publishing industry, the book retail industry and the corporate publishing environment. Motivated and goal-orientated candidates can become part of this highly competitive environment at entrance level. On-the-job experience will be needed for subsequent career development.

Some entrance-level career opportunities include the following:

- assisting specific role-players in the publishing value chain (for example, the managing director of a publishing house, commissioning editor, or the editorial, production or marketing manager)
- market or picture research
- copyright negotiations
- copy-editing and proofreading
- marketing and promotion
- distribution and delivery

These career opportunities are available at the following places:

- local and international book publishing houses
- bookshops and e-commerce vendors, journals, newspapers or magazines
- the media and publicity industries
- national and local government departments
- the corporate and business environment
- civil society
- community-based publication initiatives
- self-publishing and consultancy

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Duration of the programme

The BIS (Publishing) takes a minimum of three years to complete.

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First year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Information Management Academic Literacy Levels Visual Culture Studies 	Fundamental modules <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Academic Literacy Levels English for Specific Purposes
Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to Information Science Personal Information Management 	Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information and Communication Technology Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Book Publishing Environment Visual Culture Studies
Marketing	Marketing
Elective modules Select a modern language of your choice in consultation with the package organiser.	Elective modules Select a modern language of your choice in consultation with the package organiser.

Second year	
First semester	Second semester
Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project 	Fundamental module <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community-based Project
Core modules Information Science <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Social and Ethical Impact Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy-editing 	Core modules Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Visual and Production Dimensions of Publishing
Type, image and applications	Text Design
Elective modules Continue with the same language as selected previously and select modules in consultation with the package organiser.	Elective modules Continue with the same language as selected previously and select modules in consultation with the package organiser.

Third year	
First semester	Second semester
Core modules Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Publishing in the Digital Environment Commissioning 	Core modules Publishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Management in the Publishing Environment Publishing in the Magazine and Corporate Environment
Elective modules Continue with the same language as selected previously and select one semester module in consultation with the package organiser. It can be a first- or second-semester module.	

General information

Visit www.up.ac.za/admissioninfo for information on the following:

- Study information
- Calculate your Admission Point Score (APS)
- Closing dates
- Fees and Funding
- Special offer for top academic achievers
- Apply at UP
- Change or add a programme
- National Benchmark Test (NBT)
- Application status
- Prepare to study at UP
- Registration and start of the academic year

EBIT weeks

Grade 10–12 learners are invited to register for one of the EBIT Faculty Weeks:

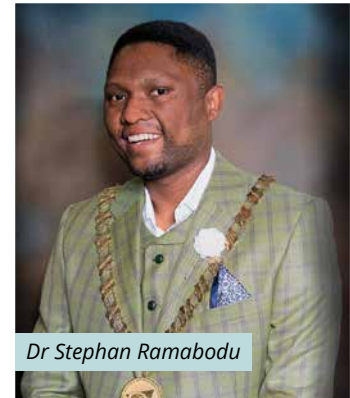
- Week one** 9 to 12 April 2017 (Engineering Week)
Week two 2 to 5 July 2017 (Engineering and Information Technology Week)

Website www.up.ac.za/ebitweek

Article

Think outside the box = quantity surveyor

By Dr Stephan Ramabodu



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If you are an out-of-the-box thinker and have a passion for numbers, read on, because quantity surveying might be the perfect career choice for you!

What is a quantity surveyor?

It is a person who calculates the cost of building, engineering or mining projects. Manages the costs and provides value for money on these projects.

They compile estimates, manage contractual claims, do payment valuations, and are involved with the procurement processes of these projects and some play a role in dispute resolution. It takes a highly-skilled individual to cost a project accurately.

Consider the role that quantity surveyors play in building malls like Woodlands, Menlyn and the Mall of Africa. They do cost estimations, cost planning, cost control and also compile the bills of quantities; and it does not stop there. Quantity surveyors also assist with the selection of procurement strategies, can compile and produce tender and contract documents and they negotiate contracts on behalf of private or public clients in building, civil engineering or mining projects.

Good negotiation skills and the ability to network are two very important attributes a quantity surveyor should have. It is also important that you enjoy working with figures. The ability to negotiate is beneficial and this calls for a degree of confidence.

Tip: Make sure you choose to study at an institution that is accredited by the South African Council for the Quantity Surveying Profession.

“The profession is dominated by males, but more and more females are achieving great success in this field – and the demand for female quantity surveyors is high. South Africa has just over 3 000 professional quantity surveyors. If one considers that the SA population is just over 54 million people, this is very much a growing profession.”

(Dr Stephan Ramabodu, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Construction Economics and also the President of the Association of SA Quantity Surveyors)

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Selection programme
Careers: Quantity surveying is the science that delivers specialised financial and contractual services and advice to clients in the building and construction industry, as well as related industries. The three-year undergraduate degree is the first step towards registration as quantity surveyors. The ensuing one-year honours programme leads to registration as candidate professional quantity surveyors. Career opportunities, apart from those in the private, government or semi-government sectors, also exist in the property, banking, mining and manufacturing industries. Some quantity surveyors work in government, others build houses, infrastructure, schools or hospitals.



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1. The TuksBaja team comprises a group of dynamic students from the Department of Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering whose cars have held their own in many races and static design events. Their cars are put to the test during the annual Sasol Baja SAE Competition. 2. This lecture hall is situated in the Engineering 3 Building, which was completed in 2011 and is equipped with the latest technology to transform education into an experience. 3-4. The School for the Built Environment offers the entire spectrum of programmes in the built environment – degrees in architecture, quantity surveying, construction management and real estate, and town and regional planning. 5. Grade 10 to 12 learners are afforded the opportunity to visit our campus during the April and July school holidays. The learners are exposed to all the disciplines of engineering and information technology (July holiday only) before making a final career choice. Visit the following website: www.up.ac.za/ebitweek for more information. 6. The School of Engineering boasts the Kumba Virtual Reality Centre for Mine Design – a first in Africa. The immersive 3D 360° cylinder can accommodate 25 people at a time. The surround sound and overhead projectors bring the audience into the heart of a mine (or other reality). It is supported by a 3D cinematic theatre that can seat 47 people. 7. The JCP module is compulsory for all EBIT undergraduate students. This is a community outreach programme that offers students the opportunity to “give back” to the community. 8-10. The annual autonomous robot vehicle (ARV) race is a not-to-be-missed event on the calendar of the Department of Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering. The ARVs compete on a track made up of red, green and blue lines that zigzag across each other. The team whose invention makes it across the track in the shortest time wins.