

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

## Physiological processes 361 (ZEN 361)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	18.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BSc Ecology</a> <a href="#">BSc Entomology</a> <a href="#">BSc Genetics</a> <a href="#">BSc Zoology</a>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	4 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Academic organisation</b>	Zoology and Entomology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Quarter 3

### Module content

This module focuses on the means by which animals can sense and respond to the external and internal environment. Topics covered include: (i) the structure and function of biological membranes; (ii) neurons and nervous systems; (iii) sensing the environment; (iv) glands, hormones and regulation of development and growth; (v) muscles and animal movement and (vi) the initiation and control of behaviour. The implications of these physiological processes for animal conservation and management will be emphasised. A comparative approach will be adopted throughout the module to highlight the commonalities as well as the ways in which animal lineages have achieved similar functional outcomes from different structural adaptations.

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