



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

## Introductory soil science 250 (GKD 250)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>Programmes</b>	BSc Landscape Architecture BSc Biotechnology BSc Chemistry BSc Ecology BSc Engineering and Environmental Geology BSc Environmental Sciences BSc Geography BSc Geology BSc Meteorology BSc Plant Science BSc Zoology BScAgric Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management BScAgric Animal Science BScAgric Applied Plant and Soil Sciences BScAgric Plant Pathology
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
<b>Prerequisites</b>	CMY 117 GS
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Department of Plant and Soil Sciences
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Origin and development of soil, weathering and soil formation processes. Profile differentiation and morphology. Physical characteristics: texture, structure, soil water, atmosphere and temperature. Chemical characteristics: clay minerals, ion exchange, pH, buffer action, soil acidification and salinisation of soil. Soil fertility and fertilisation. Soil classification. Practical work: Laboratory evaluation of simple soil characteristics. Field practicals on soil formation in the Pretoria area.



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