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# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

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## BEngHons Geotechnical Engineering (12240215)

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 128

**NQF level** 08

### Programme information

The curriculum is determined in consultation with the relevant heads of departments. A student is required to pass modules to the value of at least 128 credits.

The degree is awarded on the basis of examinations only.

### Admission requirements

- A BEng degree awarded by the University of Pretoria; or a four-year bachelor's degree in engineering that ECSA regards as acceptable for registration as a candidate engineer and for eventual registration as a professional engineer.
- The departmental Postgraduate Committee reserves the right to make a thorough assessment of the applicant's academic transcript and CV, and to decide if the applicant is suitable for postgraduate studies. This assessment may include an oral or written entrance examination.

### Examinations and pass requirements

- i. The examination in each module for which a student is registered, takes place during the normal examination period after the conclusion of lectures (i.e. October/November or May/June).
- ii. A student registered for the honours degree must complete his or her studies within two years (full-time), or within three years (part-time) after first registration for the degree: Provided that the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, may approve a stipulated limited extension of this period.
- iii. A student must obtain at least 50% in an examination for each module where no semester or year mark is required. A module may only be repeated once.
- iv. In modules where semester or year marks are awarded, a minimum examination mark of 40% and a final mark of 50% is required.
- v. No supplementary or special examinations are granted at postgraduate level.

### Pass with distinction

A student passes with distinction if he or she obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in the first 128 credits for which he or she has registered (excluding modules which were discontinued timeously). The degree is not



awarded with distinction if a student fails any one module (excluding modules which were discontinued timeously).



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## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 128**

### Core modules

- Analytical soil mechanics 787 (SGS 787) - Credits: 24.00
- Theoretical soil mechanics 788 (SGS 788) - Credits: 24.00
- Specialised geotechnical testing 789 (SGS 789) - Credits: 24.00
- Civil research 780 (SSC 780) - Credits: 32.00

### Elective modules

- Applied statistical methods and optimisation 798 (SHC 798) - Credits: 24.00
- Numerical methods and finite element applications for Civil Engineers 790 (SIK 790) - Credits: 24.00

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