

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## Stochastic processes 312 (WST 312)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences](#)

**Module credits** 18.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Programmes** [BCom \(Statistics and Data Science\)](#)

[BCom](#)

[BCom \(Econometrics\)](#)

[BSc \(Computer Science\)](#)

[BSc \(Actuarial and Financial Mathematics\)](#)

[BSc \(Applied Mathematics\)](#)

[BSc \(Chemistry\)](#)

[BSc \(Mathematical Statistics\)](#)

[BSc \(Mathematics\)](#)

[BSc \(Physics\)](#)

**Service modules** Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

**Prerequisites** WST 211, WST 221, WTW 211 GS and WTW 218 GS

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Statistics

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

Definition of a stochastic process. Stationarity. Covariance stationary. Markov property. Random walk. Brownian motion. Markov chains. Chapman-Kolmogorov equations. Recurrent and transient states. First passage time. Occupation times. Markov jump processes. Poisson process. Birth and death processes. Structures of processes. Structure of the time-homogeneous Markov jump process. Applications in insurance. Practical statistical modelling, analysis and simulation using statistical computer packages and the interpretation of the output.

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