



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

## Distribution-free methods 710 (VMT 710)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	15.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BComHons (Mathematical Statistics)</a> <a href="#">BScHons (Mathematical Statistics)</a>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Admission to either BScHons Mathematical Statistics or BComHons Mathematical Statistics
<b>Contact time</b>	1 lecture per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Statistics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

A selection of: Nonparametric stochastic processes. Power and asymptotic power of distribution-free procedures. Theory and simulation. Asymptotic relative efficiency. Linear rank tests: Definition, properties and applications. Equal in distribution technique. Counting and ranking statistics. Introduction to one and two sample U-statistics. Permutation and distribution-free rank-like statistics. Multi-sample distribution-free tests, rank correlation and regression. Some nonparametric bootstrap and smoothing methods.

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