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## Information retrieval 717 (INY 717)

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| <b>Qualification</b>          | Postgraduate   |
| <b>Faculty</b>                | <a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a> |
| <b>Module credits</b>         | 15.00  |
| <b>Programmes</b>             | <a href="#">BISHons Information Science</a>  |
| <b>Prerequisites</b>          | No prerequisites.  |
| <b>Contact time</b>           | 2 lectures per week  |
| <b>Language of tuition</b>    | Module is presented in English   |
| <b>Department</b>             | Information Science  |
| <b>Period of presentation</b> | Semester 1 or Semester 2   |

### Module content

"Information is continuing to grow exponentially, diversifying into many forms and media. In this complex labyrinth there is a definite need for increased effort aimed at tailoring IR performance to user demands" (Ingwersen, 1992).

In this module students will study information retrieval from a systems perspective, but with the human user in mind. Best-match and Boolean systems will be studied in some detail, focussing on the different aspects of human and machine relevance. Information seeking behaviour studies that can support the enhancement of IR performance will also be covered.

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