

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

## Finite element methods 780 (MEE 780)

**Qualification** Postgraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology](#)

**Module credits** 16.00

**Programmes** [BEngHons Mechanical Engineering](#)

[BScHons Applied Science Applied Science: Mechanics](#)

**Prerequisites** A working knowledge of MATLAB/OCTAVE or FORTRAN77

**Contact time** 21 contact hours per semester

**Language of tuition** English

**Academic organisation** Mechanical and Aeronautical En

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

Stress and the differential equilibrium equation. Isoparametric formulation. Numerical integration. Reduced integration. Convergence, stability and accuracy. The Patch test. Membrane elements: assumed stress mixed interpolations. 3-D elements. Error estimates and mesh refinement. Sensitivity analysis.

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