

## University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

## Mechatronics 780 (MEG 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** No prerequisites.

**Contact time** 13 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** English

**Academic organisation** Mechanical and Aeronautical En

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

## **Module content**

Sensors: mechanical and optical limit switches, encoders, thermocouples, strain gauges, CCD cameras, IR sensors, piezo-electric sensors, capacitive sensors, torque sensors, tactile sensors, gyroscope and ultrasonic sensors. Actuators: DC motors, stepper motors, AC motors, pneumatic actuators, hydraulic actuators, memory shape alloys. Signal conditioning: component interconnection, amplifiers, analogue filters, modulators and demodulators, analogue-digital conversion, sample-and-hold circuitry, multiplexers, software and hardware implementation of digital filters and Wheatstone bridge. Control: H-Bridge motor control, PWM motor control, control of stepper motors, non-linear control of hydraulic and pneumatic actuators, PLCs, SCADA systems, industrial Fieldbus, micro-processor control.

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