

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

Pathology: Wildlife 806 (PAT 806)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Veterinary Science
Module credits	28.00
Programmes	MSc Option: Ruminant Health (Coursework) MSc Option: Veterinary Epidemiology (Coursework) MVeterinary Medicine Bovine Medicine (Coursework) MVeterinary Medicine Cattle Herd Health MVeterinary Medicine Laboratory Animal Science MVeterinary Medicine Pig Herd Health MVeterinary Medicine Poultry Diseases (Coursework) MVeterinary Medicine Small Stock Herd Health MVeterinary Medicine Veterinary Public Health (Coursework) MVeterinary Medicine Wildlife Diseases
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Paraclinical Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

The emphasis of the module is on practical diagnostic pathology (including forensic pathology) and its outcomes will enable a veterinarian to investigate disease and the cause of death in wildlife. The approach will emphasise the following: After conducting a necropsy, a diagnosis is finalised by also considering the results of other diagnostic tests and ancillary data; when it is not possible to make a final diagnosis, the formulation of a list of differential diagnoses and a strategy to resolve the problem; compiling interim and final report(s) that are scientifically sound, presentable to a court of law and reflect a degree of professionalism that is commensurate with a professional person. The theoretical component includes selected information dealing with incidental findings and 'non-lesions', species-specific infectious diseases, and non-infectious diseases.

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