



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BSc Extended programme - Physical Sciences (02130010)

Duration of study 4 years

Total credits 512

Admission requirements

- In order to register NSC/IEB/Cambridge candidates must comply with the minimum requirements for degree studies as well as the minimum requirements for the relevant study programme.
- Life Orientation is excluded in the calculation of the Admission Point Score (APS).
- Grade 11 results are used for the provisional admission of prospective students.
- Final admission is based on the Grade 12 results.

Minimum requirements for 2016												
Achievement level												
Afrikaans or English				Mathematics				Physical Sciences				APS
NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	NSC/IEB	HIGCSE	AS-Level	A-Level	
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NBT compulsory

Additional requirements

- Students who are admitted to one of the BSc four-year programmes register for one specific programme. Three extended programmes are available:
 - BSc (Four-year programme) – Mathematical Sciences
 - BSc (Four-year programme) – Biological and Agricultural Sciences
 - BSc (Four-year programme) – Physical Sciences
- These programmes are followed by students who, as a result of exceptional circumstances, will benefit from an extended programme.
- Students who do not comply with the normal three-year BSc entrance requirements for study in the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, may nevertheless be admitted to the Faculty by being placed on the BSc (Four-year programme). Generally the BSc (Four-year programme) means that the first study year in Mathematics, Physics, Biology and Chemistry is extended to take two years. After completing the BSc (Four-year programme) successfully, students join the second year of the normal BSc programme to complete their



- degrees. The possibility of switching over to other faculties such as Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology, Veterinary Science and Health Sciences, after one or two years in the four-year programme, exists. This depends on selection rules and other conditions stipulated by the other faculties.
- d. Students who wish to follow one of the BSc four-year programmes will be subjected to an Institutional Proficiency Test and will be considered for admission by the Admissions Committee. Information in this regard is available at the Client Services Centre.
 - e. Applications for admission to the BSc (Four-year programme) should be submitted before 30 September each year. Details are obtainable from the Student Administration at the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences.
 - f. The rules and regulations applicable to the normal study programmes apply mutatis mutandis to the BSc (Four-year programme), with exceptions as indicated in the regulations pertaining to the BSc (Four-year programme). For instance, students placed in the BSc (Four-year programme) must have a National Senior Certificate with admission for degree purposes.
 - g. An admissions committee considers applications for the BSc (Four-year programme) annually. Regarding subject choices, admitted students are individually placed on the BSc (Four-year programme) according to their prospective field of study. Students may NOT change this placement without the permission of the Chairperson of the admissions committee.

Other programme-specific information

Prescribed: CMY 133 Chemistry, CMY 143 Chemistry and CMY 154 Chemistry: Equivalent module – a BSc First-semester prescribed module: CMY 117.

Physics modules

For students in biological study directions: PHY 133 Physics, PHY 144 Physics and PHY 154 Physics Equivalent module: PHY 131.

For students who want to study Physical Sciences and engineering: PHY 133 Physics, PHY 143 Physics, PHY 153 Physics Equivalent module: FSK 116 (or FSK 176)

For all other students: PHY 133 Physics, PHY 143 Physics, PHY 153 Physics, PHY 163 General physics: Equivalent modules: PHY 114 and PHY 124.

Prescribed: WTW 133 Precalculus, WTW 143 Calculus and WTW 153 Calculus: Equivalent module – a BSc First-semester prescribed module: WTW 114.

For students in biological study directions: WTW 133 Precalculus, WTW 144 Mathematics and WTW 154 Mathematics: Equivalent module WTW 134 Mathematics

Prescribed: MLB 133 Molecular and cell biology, MLB 143 Molecular and cell biology, MLB 153 Molecular and cell biology: Equivalent module – a BSc First-semester prescribed module: MLB 111 Molecular and cell biology.

NB Students may register for an extended module (eg PHY 133, PHY 143, PHY 153 and PHY 163) only once.

Compulsory modules:

AIM 111 and AIM 121 Academic information management, 4 + 4 credits.

LST 133 and LST 143 Academic literacy, 8+ 8 credits.

All new students must register for the academic literacy modules LST.

The Dean may, on the recommendation of the programme manager, approve deviations with regard to the



composition of the study programme.

Please note: Where elective modules are not specified, these may be chosen from any modules appearing in the list of modules.

It remains the student's responsibility to ascertain, prior to registration, whether they comply with the prerequisites of the modules they want to register for.

The prerequisites are listed in the alphabetical list of modules.

Promotion to next study year

Academic promotion requirements

It is expected of students who register for the first year of the BSc (Four-year programme) to pass all the prescribed modules of the first year.

It is expected of students accepted into the BSc (Four-year programme) to finish a complete corresponding BSc first year within the two years of enrolment in the BSc (Four-year programme). Students who do not show progress during the first semester of the first year will be referred to the Admissions Committee of the Faculty.



Curriculum: Year 1

Minimum credits: 88

Fundamental modules

Language, life and study skills 133 (LST 133)

Module content:

In this module students use different information and time management strategies, build academic vocabulary, revise basic grammar concepts and dictionary skills, examine learning styles, memory and note-taking techniques, practise academic reading skills and explore basic research and referencing techniques, learn how to use discourse markers and construct definitions, and are introduced to paragraph writing. The work is set in the context of the students' field of study.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites As for BSc Four-year programme and BCom Four-year programme

Contact time 4 discussion classes per week, Foundation Course, MAMELODI

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Natural + Agric Sciences Dean

Period of presentation Semester 1

Language, life and study skills 143 (LST 143)

Module content:

In this module students learn how to interpret and use visual literacy conventions. Students write more advance paragraphs, and also learn how to structure academic writing, how to refine their use of discourse markers and referencing techniques and how to structure their own academic arguments. Students' writing is expected to be rational, clear and concise. As a final assignment all aspects of the LST 133 and LST 143 modules are combined in a research assignment. In this project, students work in writing teams to produce a chapter on a career and to present an oral presentation of aspects of the chapter. The work is set in the context of the students' field of study.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Prerequisites LST 133

Contact time Foundation Course, 4 discussion classes per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Natural + Agric Sciences Dean

Period of presentation Semester 2



Academic information management 111 (AIM 111)

Module content:

Find, evaluate, process, manage and present information resources for academic purposes using appropriate technology.

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Academic information management 121 (AIM 121)

Module content:

Apply effective search strategies in different technological environments. Demonstrate the ethical and fair use of information resources. Integrate 21st-century communications into the management of academic information.

Module credits 4.00

Service modules

Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Law
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Theology
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 2



Academic orientation 120 (UPO 120)

Module credits	0.00
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Humanities Dean's Office
Period of presentation	Year

Core modules

Chemistry 133 (CMY 133)

Module content:

The field of Chemistry – an overview; Mathematics in Chemistry; atomic theory: historical overview; atoms, molecules and ions; relative atomic mass; electronic structure of atoms; the periodic table; periodicity; chemical bonding.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	As for BSc Four-year programme
Contact time	Fortnightly practicals, Foundation Course, 3 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Chemistry
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Chemistry 143 (CMY 143)

Module content:

Bonding and molecular geometry: VSEPR theory; bonding and organic compounds (structural formulas, classification and nomenclature); matter and its properties; mole concept; reaction stoichiometry; reactions in aqueous solutions: precipitation, acid base and redox.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	CMY 133
Contact time	2 lectures per week, MAMELODI, 3 discussion classes per week, Foundation Course, Fortnightly practicals
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Chemistry



Period of presentation Semester 1

Physics 133 (PHY 133)

Module content:

Heat: temperature and scales, the kinetic molecular model, work, energy and heat, calorimetry, specific heat, expansion, heat transfer. Measurements: SI-units, measuring error and uncertainty, (graphs), significant figures, mathematical modelling. Geometrical optics: reflection, refraction, dispersion, mirrors, thin lenses, instruments.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites As for BSc Four-year programme

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 practicals per week, 2 lectures per week, Foundation Course, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Physics 143 (PHY 143)

Module content:

Vectors. Kinematics of a point: relative motion, projectile, circular motion. Dynamics: Newton's laws, friction. Work: point masses, ideal gas law, springs, power. Energy: kinetic energy, potential energy, conservative forces, spring, conservation of mechanical energy. Hydrostatics and dynamics: density, pressure, Archimedes' law, continuity, Bernoulli.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites PHY 133

Contact time 2 practicals per week, Foundation Course, 2 discussion classes per week, 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Precalculus 133 (WTW 133)

Module content:

Real numbers, elementary set notation, exponents and radicals. Algebraic expressions, fractional expressions,



linear and quadratic equations, inequalities. Coordinate geometry: lines, circles. Functions: definition, notation, piecewise defined functions, domain and range, graphs, transformations of functions, symmetry, even and odd functions, combining functions, one-to-one functions and inverses, polynomial functions and zeros.

Sequences, summation notation, arithmetic, geometric sequences, infinite geometric series, annuities and instalments. Degrees and radians, unit circle, trigonometric functions, fundamental identities, trigonometric graphs, trigonometric identities, double-angle, half-angle formulae, trigonometric equations, applications.

This module is only offered in English at the Mamelodi Campus for the BSc Extended programme. At the Hatfield and Groenkloof campuses it is offered in English and Afrikaans.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites BSc and BCom students: At least 3 (40-49%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination and must be taken concurrently with WTW133

Contact time 3 lectures per week, Foundation Course, MAMELODI, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 1

Calculus 143 (WTW 143)

Module content:

Functions: exponential and logarithmic functions, natural exponential and logarithmic functions, exponential and logarithmic laws, exponential and logarithmic equations, compound interest. Limits: concept of a limit, finding limits numerically and graphically, finding limits algebraically, limit laws without proofs, squeeze theorem without proof, one-sided limits, infinite limits, limits at infinity, vertical, horizontal and slant asymptotes, substitution rule, continuity, laws for continuity without proofs. Differentiation: average and instantaneous change, definition of derivative, differentiation rules without proofs, derivatives of polynomials, chain rule for differentiation, derivatives of trigonometric, exponential and logarithmic functions, applications of differentiation: extreme values, critical numbers, monotone functions, first derivative test, optimisation.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites BSc and BCom students: WTW 133 and WST133 and must be taken concurrently with WTW143

Contact time Foundation Course, MAMELODI, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths



Period of presentation Semester 2

Elective modules

Molecular and cell biology 133 (MLB 133)

Module content:

The scientific method, the meaning of life, principles of microscopy, introduction to taxonomy and systematics, introductory study of the structure, function and composition of akaryotes, HIV/ Aids, the immune system and other health issues, ecosystems and human interference.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites As for BSc Four-year programme

Contact time MAMELODI, 2 discussion classes per week, 2 practicals per week, 2 lectures per week, Foundation Course

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Molecular and cell biology 143 (MLB 143)

Module content:

Chemistry of the cell, introduction to the structure, function and composition of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells, energy and cellular metabolism, photosynthesis.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites MLB 133

Contact time 2 practicals per week, 2 lectures per week, MAMELODI, Foundation Course, 2 discussion classes per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Mathematical statistics 133 (WST 133)

Module content:

Descriptive statistics - Univariate:

The role of Statistics, various types of data. Sampling, probability and non-probability sampling techniques and the collection of data. Frequency, relative and cumulative distributions and graphical representations. Additional



concepts relating to data processing: sigma notation, factorial notation. Descriptive measures of location, dispersion and symmetry. Exploratory data analysis.

Probability:

Introductory probability theory and applications. Set theory and probability laws. Introduction to random variables. Assigning probabilities, probability distributions, expected value and variance in general. Specific discrete probability distributions (Uniform, Binomial). Report writing and presentation. Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination; BSc and BCom numeric stream students must be take WTW 133 concurrently.

Contact time 4 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week, MAMELODI, Foundation Course, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Mathematical statistics 143 (WST 143)

Module content:

Probability and inference:

Probability theory and theoretical distributions for continuous random variables (Uniform, Normal and t).

Sampling distributions (means and proportions). Estimation theory and hypothesis testing of sampling averages and proportions (one- and two-sample cases).

Optimisation techniques with economic applications:

Applications of differentiation in statistic and economic related problems. Integration. Applications of integration in statistic and economic related problems. Systems of equations in equilibrium. The area under a curve and applications of definite integrals in Statistics and Economics. Report writing and presentation. Identification, use, evaluation and interpretation of statistical computer packages and statistical techniques.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites BSc and BCom numeric students: WST 133 and WTW 133 and must be taken concurrently with WTW 143.

Contact time 1 practical per week, Foundation Course, 4 lectures per week, MAMELODI, 2 tutorials per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 2



Curriculum: Year 2

Minimum credits: 24

Core modules

Chemistry 154 (CMY 154)

Module content:

Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions. Physical behaviour of gasses, liquids, solids and solutions and the role of intermolecular forces. Rate of reactions: Introduction to Chemical kinetics. Introduction to chemical equilibrium. Introduction to organic chemistry: hybridisation, isomers (structural, geometrical and conformational), additions reactions and reaction mechanisms.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	CMY 133 and CMY 143
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week, fortnightly practicals, Foundation Course
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Chemistry
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Physics 153 (PHY 153)

Module content:

System of particles: centre of mass, Newton's laws. Rotation: torque, conservation of momentum, impulse and collision, conservation of angular momentum, equilibrium, centre of gravity. Oscillations. Waves: sound, intensity, superposition, interference, standing waves, resonance, beats, Doppler effect. Physical optics: Young-interference, coherence, thin layers, diffraction, gratings, polarisation.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	PHY 143
Contact time	2 practicals per week, Foundation Course, 2 discussion classes per week, 3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Calculus 153 (WTW 153)

Module content:

Differential calculus of a single variable with proofs and applications. The mean value theorem, the rule of L'Hospital. Upper and lower sums, definite and indefinite integrals, the Fundamental theorem of Calculus, the mean value theorem for integrals, integration techniques, with some proofs.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites WTW 143

Contact time Foundation Course, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 1

Elective modules

Biometry 120 (BME 120)

Module content:

Simple statistical analysis: Data collection and analysis: Samples, tabulation, graphical representation, describing location, spread and skewness. Introductory probability and distribution theory. Sampling distributions and the central limit theorem. Statistical inference: Basic principles, estimation and testing in the one- and two-sample cases (parametric and non-parametric). Introduction to experimental design. One- and twoway designs, randomised blocks. Multiple statistical analysis: Bivariate data sets: Curve fitting (linear and non-linear), growth curves. Statistical inference in the simple regression case. Categorical analysis: Testing goodness of fit and contingency tables. Multiple regression and correlation: Fitting and testing of models. Residual analysis. Computer literacy: Use of computer packages in data analysis and report writing.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination, or at least 50% in both Statistics 113, 123

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 2



General chemistry 127 (CMY 127)

Module content:

Theory: General physical-analytical chemistry: Physical behaviour of gases, liquids and solids, intermolecular forces, solutions. Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions, entropy and free energy, electrochemistry. Organic chemistry: Structure (bonding), nomenclature, isomerism, introductory stereochemistry, introduction to chemical reactions and chemical properties of organic compounds and biological compounds, i.e. carbohydrates and amino acids. Practical: Molecular structure (model building), synthesis and properties of simple organic compounds.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Natural and Agricultural Sciences students: CMY 117 GS or CMY 154 GS Health Sciences students: none

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Chemistry

Period of presentation Semester 2

Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156)

Module content:

This module begins by fostering an understanding of human geography. Then follows with the political ordering of space; cultural diversity as well as ethnic geography globally and locally; population geography of the world and South Africa; and four economic levels of development. The purpose is to place South Africa in a world setting and to understand the future of the country.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 2



Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166)

Module content:

Investigating southern African landscapes and placing them in a theoretical and global context. The geomorphological evolution of southern Africa. Introduction to the concepts of Geomorphology and its relationships with other physical sciences (e.g. meteorology, climatology, geology, hydrology and biology). The processes and controls of landform and landscape evolution. Tutorial exercises cover basic techniques of geomorphological analysis, and topical issues in Geomorphology.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 3

Historical geology 161 (GLY 161)

Module content:

Principles of stratigraphy and stratigraphic nomenclature; geological dating and international and South African time scales; Africa framework and tectonic elements of South Africa; introduction to depositional environments. Overview of the historical geology of South Africa, from the Archaean to the present: major stratigraphic units, intrusions and tectonic/metamorphic events - their rock types, fossil contents, genesis and economic commodities. Principles of palaeontology and short description of major fossil groups: fossil forms, ecology and geological meaning. Geological maps and profiles; rock samples.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geology

Period of presentation Quarter 4

Environmental and hazard geology 162 (GLY 162)

Module content:

Hazardous exogenic and endogenic geological processes and their influence on the human environment; impact of human activities on the geological environment; natural resource utilisation including materials for



construction; natural and mine-induced seismicity; waste disposal; groundwater and environmental pollution. Geological maps; geological profiles; rock specimens; fossil specimens.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geology
Period of presentation	Quarter 3

Cartography 110 (GMC 110)

Module content:

History, present and future of cartography. Introductory geodesy: shape of the earth, graticule and grids, datum definition, elementary map projection theory, spherical calculations. Representation of geographical data on maps: Cartographic design, cartographic abstraction, levels of measurement and visual variables. Semiotics for cartography: signs, sign systems, map semantics and syntactics, explicit and implicit meaning of maps (map pragmatics).

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Informatics 112 (INF 112)

Module content:

Introduction to information systems, information systems in organisations, hardware: input, processing, output, software: systems and application software, organisation of data and information, telecommunications and networks, the Internet and Intranet. Transaction processing systems, management information systems, decision support systems, information systems in business and society, systems analysis, systems design, implementation, maintenance and revision.

Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2(e): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination; or STK 113 60%, STK 123 60% or STK 110
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Informatics 154 (INF 154)

Module content:

Introduction to programming.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2(f): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 2 practicals per week, 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Informatics 164 (INF 164)

Module content:

Advanced programming, use of a computer-aided software engineering tool.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites INF 154; Regulation 1.2(f): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination; AIM 101 or AIM 102 or AIM 111 and AIM 121

Contact time 1 lecture per week, 2 practicals per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2



Molecular and cell biology 153 (MLB 153)

Module content:

Cell growth and cell division, Mendelian and human genetics, principles of molecular genetics, principles of recombinant DNA technology and its application.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	MLB 143
Contact time	Foundation Course, 2 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Genetics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Exploring the universe 154 (SCI 154)

Module content:

The content of this course is the same as SCI 164 and students are not allowed to register for both SCI 154 and SCI 164.

Students from all faculties are welcome to join us in our exploration of the universe from an earth-bound perspective. We reflect on the whole universe from the sub microscopic to the vast macroscopic and mankind's modest position therein. To what degree is our happiness determined by stars? Echo's from ancient firmaments - the astronomy of old civilisations. The universe is born with a bang. Stars, milky ways and planets are formed. Life is breathed into the landscape on earth, but is there life elsewhere? The architecture of the universe - distance measurements, structure of our solar system and systems of stars. How does it look like on neighbouring planets? Comets and meteorites. Life cycles of stars. Spectacular exploding stars! Exotica like pulsars and black holes.

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	Prohibited combination SCI 164
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Exploring the universe 164 (SCI 164)

Module content:

*This module is presented in Afrikaans only. See SCI 154 for a summary of the module content. The content of this module is the same as SCI 154 and students are not allowed to register for both SCI 154 and SCI 164. Studente uit alle fakulteite is welkom om saam met ons die heelal vanuit 'n aardgebonde perspektief te verken. Ons besin oor die ganse kosmos van die submikroskopiese tot die asemrowende, uitgestrekte makroskopiese en



die mens se beskeie posisie daarin. Tot watter mate bepaal sterre ons lewensgeluk? Eggo's van antieke uitspansels – die sterrekunde van vervloë beskawings. Die heelal word gebore met 'n knal. Sterre, die Melkweg en planete word gevorm. Lewe word in die aardse landskap geplaas, maar is daar lewe elders? Die agitektuur van die heelal – afstandmetings, struktuur van ons sonnestelsel en sterrestelsels. Hoe lyk ons buurplanete? Komete en meteoriëte. Lewenssiklusse van sterre. Ontploffende sterre. Eksotiese voorwerpe soos pulsare en swart gate.

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	Prohibited combination SCI 154
Language of tuition	Afrikaans
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Mechanics 122 (SWK 122)

Module content:

Equivalent force systems, resultants. Newton's laws, units. Forces acting on particles. Rigid bodies: principle of transmissibility, resultant of parallel forces. Vector moments and scalar moments. Relationship between scalar- and vector moments. Couples. Equivalent force systems on rigid bodies. Resultants of forces on rigid bodies. Equilibrium in two and three dimensions. Hooke's law. Trusses and frameworks. Centroids and second moments of area. Beams: distributed forces, shear force, bending moment, method of sections, relationship between load, shear force and bending moment.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	WTW 158
Contact time	2 tutorials per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Civil Eng
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Climate and weather of Southern Africa 164 (WKD 164)

Module content:

An introduction to the climate and general seasonal climatic circulation patterns of Southern Africa. Basic weather types and weather processes within the Southern African context. Interpretation of synoptic maps and synoptic station reports. Impacts of climate change and extreme climate events on society.

*BSc (Geography) and BSc (Environmental Sciences) students may register for WKD 155. Students are not allowed to earn credits for both WKD 155 and WKD 164.

Module credits	8.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Quarter 4

Numerical analysis 123 (WTW 123)

Module content:

Non-linear equations, numerical integration, initial value problems for differential equations, systems of linear equations. Algorithms for elementary numerical techniques are derived and implemented in computer programmes. Error estimates and convergence results are treated.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites WTW 114 GS

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 2

Mathematical modelling 152 (WTW 152)

Module content:

Introduction to the modelling of dynamical processes using difference equations. Curve fitting. Introduction to linear programming. Matlab programming. Applications to real-life situations in, among others, finance, economics and ecology.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 1



Calculus 158 (WTW 158)

Module content:

*This module is designed for first-year engineering students. Students will not be credited for more than one of the following modules for their degree: WTW 158, WTW 114, WTW 134, WTW 165.

Introduction to vector algebra. Functions, limits and continuity. Differential calculus of single variable functions, rate of change, graph sketching, applications. The mean value theorem, the rule of L'Hospital. Indefinite integrals, integration.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Mathematics and Applied Maths
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Geoinformatics 120 (GIS 120)

Module content:

The importance of geographical data and an overview of geoinformatics. Cartographic analysis to geoinformatics – a historical perspective. Application fields of geoinformatics. Introduction to geographical information systems (GIS): Components, structure and functionality, GIS visualisation and cartography. Data sources and evaluation: fitness for purpose, factors affecting suitability, quality and uncertainty, sources of analogue and digital data. Map projection choice. Analysis of GIS output.

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	GMC110
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Introduction to environmental sciences 101 (ENV 101)

Module content:

Introducing the basic concepts and interrelationships required to understand the complexity of natural environmental problems, physical and human environment, human induced environmental problems, the ways in which the natural environment affects human society and biodiversity, an introduction to major environmental issues in Southern Africa and sustainable development in the context of environmental issues.

Module credits	8.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Quarter 1

Introduction to geology 155 (GLY 155)

Module content:

Solar system; structure of solid matter; minerals and rocks; introduction to symmetry and crystallography; important minerals and solid solutions; rock cycle; classification of rocks. External geological processes (gravity, water, wind, sea, ice) and their products (including geomorphology). Internal structure of the earth. The dynamic earth – volcanism, earthquakes, mountain building – the theory of plate tectonics. Geological processes (magmatism, metamorphism, sedimentology, structural geology) in a plate tectonic context. Geological maps and mineral and rock specimens.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Contact time	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

First course in physics 124 (PHY 124)

Module content:

Simple harmonic motion and pendulums. Coulomb's law. Electric field: dipoles, Gauss' law. Electric potential. Capacitance. Electric currents: resistance, resistivity, Ohm's law, energy, power, emf, RC-circuits. Magnetic Field: Hall-effect, Bio-Savart. Faraday's and Lenz's laws. Oscillations: LR-circuits. Alternating current: RLC-circuits, power, transformers. Introductory concepts to modern physics. Nuclear physics: Radioactivity.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	WTW 114 GS and PHY 114 GS
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week



Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Atmospheric structure and processes 155 (WKD 155)

Module content:

*Students are not allowed to earn credits for WKD 155 and WKD 164

Introduction to weather and climate. Climate of South Africa. Urban and rural climate. Meteorological instruments. Motion of the earth. Atmospheric mass and pressure. Energy and heat budget. Moisture in the atmosphere. Cloud development. Climate change. ENSO. Electromagnetic spectrum and remote sensing in meteorology. Synoptic weather systems of South Africa.

Module credits 16.00

Prerequisites At least 50% for mathematics in grade 12.

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Semester 1

Informatics 171 (INF 171)

Module content:

General systems theory, creative problem solving, soft systems methodology. The systems analyst, systems development building blocks, systems development, systems analysis methods, process modelling.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Year



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 24

Core modules

Chemistry 154 (CMY 154)

Module content:

Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions. Physical behaviour of gasses, liquids, solids and solutions and the role of intermolecular forces. Rate of reactions: Introduction to Chemical kinetics. Introduction to chemical equilibrium. Introduction to organic chemistry: hybridisation, isomers (structural, geometrical and conformational), additions reactions and reaction mechanisms.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites CMY 133 and CMY 143

Contact time 3 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week, fortnightly practicals, Foundation Course

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Chemistry

Period of presentation Semester 1

Physics 153 (PHY 153)

Module content:

System of particles: centre of mass, Newton's laws. Rotation: torque, conservation of momentum, impulse and collision, conservation of angular momentum, equilibrium, centre of gravity. Oscillations. Waves: sound, intensity, superposition, interference, standing waves, resonance, beats, Doppler effect. Physical optics: Young-interference, coherence, thin layers, diffraction, gratings, polarisation.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites PHY 143

Contact time 2 practicals per week, Foundation Course, 2 discussion classes per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 1



Calculus 153 (WTW 153)

Module content:

Differential calculus of a single variable with proofs and applications. The mean value theorem, the rule of L'Hospital. Upper and lower sums, definite and indefinite integrals, the Fundamental theorem of Calculus, the mean value theorem for integrals, integration techniques, with some proofs.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education

Prerequisites WTW 143

Contact time Foundation Course, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Mathematics and Applied Maths

Period of presentation Semester 1

Elective modules

Biometry 120 (BME 120)

Module content:

Simple statistical analysis: Data collection and analysis: Samples, tabulation, graphical representation, describing location, spread and skewness. Introductory probability and distribution theory. Sampling distributions and the central limit theorem. Statistical inference: Basic principles, estimation and testing in the one- and two-sample cases (parametric and non-parametric). Introduction to experimental design. One- and twoway designs, randomised blocks. Multiple statistical analysis: Bivariate data sets: Curve fitting (linear and non-linear), growth curves. Statistical inference in the simple regression case. Categorical analysis: Testing goodness of fit and contingency tables. Multiple regression and correlation: Fitting and testing of models. Residual analysis. Computer literacy: Use of computer packages in data analysis and report writing.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites At least 4 (50-59%) in Mathematics in the Grade 12 examination, or at least 50% in both Statistics 113, 123

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 2



General chemistry 127 (CMY 127)

Module content:

Theory: General physical-analytical chemistry: Physical behaviour of gases, liquids and solids, intermolecular forces, solutions. Principles of reactivity: energy and chemical reactions, entropy and free energy, electrochemistry. Organic chemistry: Structure (bonding), nomenclature, isomerism, introductory stereochemistry, introduction to chemical reactions and chemical properties of organic compounds and biological compounds, i.e. carbohydrates and amino acids. Practical: Molecular structure (model building), synthesis and properties of simple organic compounds.

Module credits 16.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Health Sciences
Faculty of Veterinary Science

Prerequisites Natural and Agricultural Sciences students: CMY 117 GS or CMY 154 GS Health Sciences students: none

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Chemistry

Period of presentation Semester 2

Aspects of human geography 156 (GGY 156)

Module content:

This module begins by fostering an understanding of human geography. Then follows with the political ordering of space; cultural diversity as well as ethnic geography globally and locally; population geography of the world and South Africa; and four economic levels of development. The purpose is to place South Africa in a world setting and to understand the future of the country.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 2



Southern African geomorphology 166 (GGY 166)

Module content:

Investigating southern African landscapes and placing them in a theoretical and global context. The geomorphological evolution of southern Africa. Introduction to the concepts of Geomorphology and its relationships with other physical sciences (e.g. meteorology, climatology, geology, hydrology and biology). The processes and controls of landform and landscape evolution. Tutorial exercises cover basic techniques of geomorphological analysis, and topical issues in Geomorphology.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Humanities
Faculty of Health Sciences

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Quarter 3

Historical geology 161 (GLY 161)

Module content:

Principles of stratigraphy and stratigraphic nomenclature; geological dating and international and South African time scales; Africa framework and tectonic elements of South Africa; introduction to depositional environments. Overview of the historical geology of South Africa, from the Archaean to the present: major stratigraphic units, intrusions and tectonic/metamorphic events - their rock types, fossil contents, genesis and economic commodities. Principles of palaeontology and short description of major fossil groups: fossil forms, ecology and geological meaning. Geological maps and profiles; rock samples.

Module credits 8.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geology

Period of presentation Quarter 4

Environmental and hazard geology 162 (GLY 162)

Module content:

Hazardous exogenic and endogenic geological processes and their influence on the human environment; impact of human activities on the geological environment; natural resource utilisation including materials for



construction; natural and mine-induced seismicity; waste disposal; groundwater and environmental pollution. Geological maps; geological profiles; rock specimens; fossil specimens.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geology
Period of presentation	Quarter 3

Cartography 110 (GMC 110)

Module content:

History, present and future of cartography. Introductory geodesy: shape of the earth, graticule and grids, datum definition, elementary map projection theory, spherical calculations. Representation of geographical data on maps: Cartographic design, cartographic abstraction, levels of measurement and visual variables. Semiotics for cartography: signs, sign systems, map semantics and syntactics, explicit and implicit meaning of maps (map pragmatics).

Module credits	12.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
Language of tuition	Double Medium
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Informatics 112 (INF 112)

Module content:

Introduction to information systems, information systems in organisations, hardware: input, processing, output, software: systems and application software, organisation of data and information, telecommunications and networks, the Internet and Intranet. Transaction processing systems, management information systems, decision support systems, information systems in business and society, systems analysis, systems design, implementation, maintenance and revision.

Module credits	10.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences



Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2(e): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination; or STK 113 60%, STK 123 60% or STK 110
Contact time	2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Informatics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Informatics 154 (INF 154)

Module content:

Introduction to programming.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites Refer to Regulation 1.2(f): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 2 practicals per week, 1 lecture per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Informatics 164 (INF 164)

Module content:

Advanced programming, use of a computer-aided software engineering tool.

Module credits 10.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites INF 154; Regulation 1.2(f): A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination; AIM 101 or AIM 102 or AIM 111 and AIM 121

Contact time 1 lecture per week, 2 practicals per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Semester 2



Molecular and cell biology 153 (MLB 153)

Module content:

Cell growth and cell division, Mendelian and human genetics, principles of molecular genetics, principles of recombinant DNA technology and its application.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	MLB 143
Contact time	Foundation Course, 2 lectures per week, 2 practicals per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Genetics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Exploring the universe 154 (SCI 154)

Module content:

The content of this course is the same as SCI 164 and students are not allowed to register for both SCI 154 and SCI 164.

Students from all faculties are welcome to join us in our exploration of the universe from an earth-bound perspective. We reflect on the whole universe from the sub microscopic to the vast macroscopic and mankind's modest position therein. To what degree is our happiness determined by stars? Echo's from ancient firmaments - the astronomy of old civilisations. The universe is born with a bang. Stars, milky ways and planets are formed. Life is breathed into the landscape on earth, but is there life elsewhere? The architecture of the universe - distance measurements, structure of our solar system and systems of stars. How does it look like on neighbouring planets? Comets and meteorites. Life cycles of stars. Spectacular exploding stars! Exotica like pulsars and black holes.

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	Prohibited combination SCI 164
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Exploring the universe 164 (SCI 164)

Module content:

*This module is presented in Afrikaans only. See SCI 154 for a summary of the module content. The content of this module is the same as SCI 154 and students are not allowed to register for both SCI 154 and SCI 164. Studente uit alle fakulteite is welkom om saam met ons die heelal vanuit 'n aardgebonde perspektief te verken. Ons besin oor die ganse kosmos van die submikroskopiese tot die asemrowende, uitgestrekte makroskopiese en



die mens se beskeie posisie daarin. Tot watter mate bepaal sterre ons lewensgeluk? Eggo's van antieke uitspansels – die sterrekunde van vervloë beskawings. Die heelal word gebore met 'n knal. Sterre, die Melkweg en planete word gevorm. Lewe word in die aardse landskap geplaas, maar is daar lewe elders? Die agitektuur van die heelal – afstandmetings, struktuur van ons sonnestelsel en sterrestelsels. Hoe lyk ons buurplanete? Komete en meteoriëte. Lewenssiklusse van sterre. Ontploffende sterre. Eksotiese voorwerpe soos pulsare en swart gate.

Module credits	16.00
Prerequisites	Prohibited combination SCI 154
Language of tuition	Afrikaans
Academic organisation	Physics
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Mechanics 122 (SWK 122)

Module content:

Equivalent force systems, resultants. Newton's laws, units. Forces acting on particles. Rigid bodies: principle of transmissibility, resultant of parallel forces. Vector moments and scalar moments. Relationship between scalar- and vector moments. Couples. Equivalent force systems on rigid bodies. Resultants of forces on rigid bodies. Equilibrium in two and three dimensions. Hooke's law. Trusses and frameworks. Centroids and second moments of area. Beams: distributed forces, shear force, bending moment, method of sections, relationship between load, shear force and bending moment.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
Prerequisites	WTW 158
Contact time	2 tutorials per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Civil Eng
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Climate and weather of Southern Africa 164 (WKD 164)

Module content:

An introduction to the climate and general seasonal climatic circulation patterns of Southern Africa. Basic weather types and weather processes within the Southern African context. Interpretation of synoptic maps and synoptic station reports. Impacts of climate change and extreme climate events on society.

*BSc (Geography) and BSc (Environmental Sciences) students may register for WKD 155. Students are not allowed to earn credits for both WKD 155 and WKD 164.

Module credits	8.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Quarter 4

Numerical analysis 123 (WTW 123)

Module content:

Non-linear equations, numerical integration, initial value problems for differential equations, systems of linear equations. Algorithms for elementary numerical techniques are derived and implemented in computer programmes. Error estimates and convergence results are treated.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	WTW 114 GS
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Mathematics and Applied Maths
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Mathematical modelling 152 (WTW 152)

Module content:

Introduction to the modelling of dynamical processes using difference equations. Curve fitting. Introduction to linear programming. Matlab programming. Applications to real-life situations in, among others, finance, economics and ecology.

Module credits	8.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2
Contact time	1 tutorial per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Mathematics and Applied Maths
Period of presentation	Semester 1



Calculus 158 (WTW 158)

Module content:

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Introduction to vector algebra. Functions, limits and continuity. Differential calculus of single variable functions, rate of change, graph sketching, applications. The mean value theorem, the rule of L'Hospital. Indefinite integrals, integration.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Mathematics and Applied Maths
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Geoinformatics 120 (GIS 120)

Module content:

The importance of geographical data and an overview of geoinformatics. Cartographic analysis to geoinformatics – a historical perspective. Application fields of geoinformatics. Introduction to geographical information systems (GIS): Components, structure and functionality, GIS visualisation and cartography. Data sources and evaluation: fitness for purpose, factors affecting suitability, quality and uncertainty, sources of analogue and digital data. Map projection choice. Analysis of GIS output.

Module credits	12.00
Prerequisites	GMC110
Language of tuition	Both Afr and Eng
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Introduction to environmental sciences 101 (ENV 101)

Module content:

Introducing the basic concepts and interrelationships required to understand the complexity of natural environmental problems, physical and human environment, human induced environmental problems, the ways in which the natural environment affects human society and biodiversity, an introduction to major environmental issues in Southern Africa and sustainable development in the context of environmental issues.

Module credits	8.00
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Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education Faculty of Humanities
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	3 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geography, Geoinf + Meteor
Period of presentation	Quarter 1

Introduction to geology 155 (GLY 155)

Module content:

Solar system; structure of solid matter; minerals and rocks; introduction to symmetry and crystallography; important minerals and solid solutions; rock cycle; classification of rocks. External geological processes (gravity, water, wind, sea, ice) and their products (including geomorphology). Internal structure of the earth. The dynamic earth – volcanism, earthquakes, mountain building – the theory of plate tectonics. Geological processes (magmatism, metamorphism, sedimentology, structural geology) in a plate tectonic context. Geological maps and mineral and rock specimens.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Prerequisites	Refer to Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 60% in the Grade 12 examination
Contact time	1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Geology
Period of presentation	Semester 1

First course in physics 124 (PHY 124)

Module content:

Simple harmonic motion and pendulums. Coulomb's law. Electric field: dipoles, Gauss' law. Electric potential. Capacitance. Electric currents: resistance, resistivity, Ohm's law, energy, power, emf, RC-circuits. Magnetic Field: Hall-effect, Bio-Savart. Faraday's and Lenz's laws. Oscillations: LR-circuits. Alternating current: RLC-circuits, power, transformers. Introductory concepts to modern physics. Nuclear physics: Radioactivity.

Module credits	16.00
Service modules	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology Faculty of Education
Prerequisites	WTW 114 GS and PHY 114 GS
Contact time	4 lectures per week, 1 discussion class per week, 1 practical per week



Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Physics

Period of presentation Semester 2

Atmospheric structure and processes 155 (WKD 155)

Module content:

*Students are not allowed to earn credits for WKD 155 and WKD 164

Introduction to weather and climate. Climate of South Africa. Urban and rural climate. Meteorological instruments. Motion of the earth. Atmospheric mass and pressure. Energy and heat budget. Moisture in the atmosphere. Cloud development. Climate change. ENSO. Electromagnetic spectrum and remote sensing in meteorology. Synoptic weather systems of South Africa.

Module credits 16.00

Prerequisites At least 50% for mathematics in grade 12.

Contact time 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Geography, Geoinf + Meteor

Period of presentation Semester 1

Informatics 171 (INF 171)

Module content:

General systems theory, creative problem solving, soft systems methodology. The systems analyst, systems development building blocks, systems development, systems analysis methods, process modelling.

Module credits 20.00

Service modules Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Faculty of Education
Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites Regulation 1.2: A candidate must have passed Mathematics with at least 4 (50-59%) in the Grade 12 examination

Contact time 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Both Afr and Eng

Academic organisation Informatics

Period of presentation Year

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