



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2016

BScHons Applied Science Applied Science: Water Resources (12243030)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 128

Programme information

The BScHons (Applied Science) degree is conferred by the following academic departments:

- Chemical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Industrial and Systems Engineering
- Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering
- Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
- Mining Engineering

Any specific module is offered on the condition that a minimum number of students are registered for the module, as determined by the head of department and the Dean. Students must consult the relevant head of department in order to compile a meaningful programme, as well as on the syllabi of the modules. The relevant departmental postgraduate brochures must also be consulted.

Admission requirements

An appropriate bachelor's degree, a BTech degree or equivalent qualification is required for admission.

Other programme-specific information

The remainder of the modules must be chosen from the modules prescribed for the BEngHons (Water Resource Engineering) programme, as approved by the head of department, and after completion of the appropriate modules as listed.

The modules CPB 410, CBI 410 and CSS 420 do not form part of the postgraduate block presentations. Individual arrangements have to be made with the relevant lecturer regarding attendance of lectures, study material, tests and assignments.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 128

Core modules

Basic statistical methods 797 (SHC 797)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	40 Contact hours
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Civil Eng
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Basic mathematical methods. Algebra. Matrices and matrix algebra. Series expansions. Differentiation and integration. Probability theory. Graphic analysis. Discrete and continuous probability distributions. Moments and expectation. Statistical sampling and experimental design. Parameter estimation. Confidence intervals. Hypothesis testing. Regression analysis.

Basic hydraulics 788 (SHW 788)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	28 Contact hours
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Civil Eng
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

This course covers the basic hydraulic principles and their application. Themes covered include: fluid characteristics, fluid kinematics, pipe flow, pipe networks, introduction to pumps and pump stations, free surface flow, flow measurement, hydraulic assessment of hydraulic structures, storm water drainage and culvert systems and flood hydrology.

Elective modules

Flood hydrology 792 (SHC 792)

Module credits	24.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	32 Contact hours
Language of tuition	English
Academic organisation	Civil Eng



Period of presentation Year

Module content

A research term paper will be prepared.

This course entails the calculation of design flows for different return periods, using the statistical, deterministic – and empirical methods. Dambreak analysis is included in this course as well as channel and level pool routing.

Pipe flow 795 (SHC 795)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Civil Eng

Period of presentation Year

Module content

A research term paper will be prepared.

The focus in this course will be on the practical aspects of pipeline design. The theoretical background to pipeline hydraulics will be covered and practical examples will be assessed. The following specific aspects such as pipeline hydraulics included dynamic pressures, pipeline component selection and design, pipeline installation and the testing and operation of pipelines will be covered in this course.

Basic structural analysis 790 (SIC 790)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Civil Eng

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Virtual work and influence lines, analysis of statically indeterminate structures (two and three-dimensional), slope-deflection, superposition, stiffness and flexibility methods, matrix and computer methods, plastic analysis of portal frames.

Basic pavements and transportation 787 (SGM 787)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition English



Academic organisation Civil Eng

Period of presentation Year

Module content

Pavements: The geological cycle and origin of road building materials, soil testing and classification systems, compaction, stabilization, bitumen, introduction to pavements, principles of pavement design and management. Transportation: Introduction to traffic analysis techniques, capacity and level of service concepts, traffic signal design, road geometric design, transport demand models and road safety engineering.

Basic structural design 793 (SIC 793)

Module credits 24.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 40 Contact hours

Language of tuition English

Academic organisation Civil Eng

Period of presentation Year

Module content

This course comprises two sections: reinforced concrete design and structural steel design. Reinforced concrete design covers the design of beams; behaviour and design of slabs; design of slender columns and columns subjected to bi-axial bending; design of simple and combined footings; staircase design; and an introduction to prestressed concrete. Structural steel design covers the characteristics of steel; design of structural steel members including elements in bending, and bending combined with tension and compression; design of portal frames; composite construction and the bending resistance of composite sections; and plastic design.

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