



University of Pretoria Yearbook 2017

BScHons Soil Science Environmental Soil Science (02240600)

Duration of study 1 year

Total credits 135

Programme information

Renewal of registration

- i. Subject to exceptions approved by the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, and in the case of distance education where the Dean formulates the stipulations that will apply, a student may not sit for an examination for the honours degree more than twice in the same module.
- ii. A student for an honours degree must complete his or her study, in the case of full-time students, within two years and, in the case of after-hours students, within three years of first registering for the degree and, in the case of distance education students, within the period stipulated by the Dean. Under special circumstances, the Dean, on the recommendation of the head of department, may give approval for a limited extension of this period.

In calculating marks, General Regulation G.12.2 applies.

Apart from the prescribed coursework, a research project is an integral part of the study.

Admission requirements

In addition to the requirements of the General Regulations an appropriate bachelor's degree is a prerequisite. Soil science at an undergraduate level is required, namely: Introductory soil science, Pedology and Soil chemistry. It is at the discretion of the head of department to prescribe any other modules deemed necessary, or to exempt a prospective student from specific requirements.

Pass with distinction

The BScHons degree is awarded with distinction to a candidate who obtains a weighted average of at least 75% in all the prescribed modules and a minimum of 65% in any one module.



Curriculum: Final year

Minimum credits: 135

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Other programme-specific information:

The honours degree is awarded on the basis of formal modules passed. Students registered for the BScHons in Soil Science [Option: Environmental Soil Science] will register for all the soil science modules prescribed at honours level, as well as any other modules deemed necessary by the head of department.

Core modules

Crop production systems (I): Field crops 785 (AGR 785)

Module content:

Integrated agronomic, climatic, soil, botanical, economic and managerial considerations in crop production systems aimed at maximum economic yield and sustainability. Case studies of specific field crops.

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Semester 2

Advanced environmental soil chemistry 771 (GDK 771)

Module content:

Advanced theoretical and experimental soil chemistry, including the organic fraction.

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Advanced environmental soil physics 772 (GDK 772)

Module content:

Advanced theoretical soil physics with the emphasis on mathematical modelling of fluxes of water, heat and solutes.

Module credits	15.00
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Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Plant nutrition, soil biology and soil fertility 773 (GDK 773)

Module content:

Study of the latest trends and developments in plant nutrition, soil biology and soil fertility.

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Research project in environmental soil science 775 (GDK 775)

Module content:

Research project on a practical aspect of Environmental Soil Science. Literature review, formulation of a problem statement, hypotheses and aims of the research, as well as the design and execution of a laboratory or field scale trial. Project to be written up in a specific scientific format suitable for publication with an oral and visual presentation on the research.

Module credits	30.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Academic organisation	Plant and Soil Sciences
Period of presentation	Year

Scientific communication 702 (PGW 702)

Module content:

Principles of the scientific process. Literature accessing and article assessment. Manuscript preparation and presentation of seminars. Use of visual aids.

Module credits	15.00
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	1 lecture per week, 2 seminars
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English



Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Year

Research methodology 704 (PGW 704)

Module content:

Basic experimental designs. Measurements and control over experimental error. Factorial experiments and interactions. Analysis of variance (ANOVA) and data interpretation.

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 2

Environmental biophysics 750 (LKM 750)

Module content:

Environmental variables. Quantitative description and measurements of atmospheric environmental variables and water in organisms. Mass and energy fluxes. Quantitative description of energy fluxes in organisms' environments. Energy balances of animals and plant communities will be derived.

Module credits 15.00

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Academic organisation Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

The information published here is subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information. The [General Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) apply to all faculties of the University of Pretoria. It is expected of each student to familiarise himself or herself well with these regulations as well as with the information contained in the [General Rules](#) section. Ignorance concerning these regulations and rules will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression.