

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

## Engineering geology and rock mechanics 369 (GLY 369)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	36.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BSc Engineering and Environmental Geology</a> <a href="#">BSc Geology</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	GLY 365
<b>Contact time</b>	2 practicals per week, 4 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Geology
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Definition and scope of engineering geology; engineering geological properties and problems of rocks and soils within different stratigraphic units and climatic regions in southern Africa. Strength and failure modes of rock material and rock failure criteria. The characteristics of joints in rock. Joint line surveys and interpretation of data. Characteristics of a rock mass, rock mass classification and determination of strength. Slope stability in surface mines. Induced seismicity due to deep mining and rock bursts. This is in support of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals dealing with clean water, sanitation, infrastructure development.

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