

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2020

## Introduction to mining 121 (PMY 121)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	8.00
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEng Mining Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEng Mining Engineering ENGAGE</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, 2 tutorials per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Mining Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 2

### Module content

Introduction: Mining in South Africa: Overview of mining and history in South Africa, Minerals and mining.  
Surface mining: surface mining method, surface mining planning, rock breaking, rock loading and transport.  
Underground hard rock mining: A mine in outline, explanation of underground mining terms, basic mine layouts, shafts, development, stoping methods, compressed air, water and electrical reticulation. Underground coal mining: planning and development, rock breaking: stoping and tunnelling. Mine environmental engineering: ventilation practice, airflow, fans, gases, heat, psychrometry. Mine strata control: strata control in deep and shallow underground mines, strata control in coal mines.

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