

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Digital communication 310 (EDC 310)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

**Faculty** [Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology](#)

**Module credits** 16.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Programmes** [BEng Computer Engineering](#)

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**Prerequisites** ELI 220 GS

**Contact time** 1 practical per week, 1 tutorial per week, 3 lectures per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Electrical, Electronic and Computer Engineering

**Period of presentation** Semester 2

### Module content

Basic Signals Theory, Transform theory (Fourier, Laplace and Z-transform) and Linear Systems. Overview of stochastic processes: Stationarity and ergodicity. Noise and channel models. Transmission effects. Definition of information and coding of analog information sources. Shannon's Channel Capacity Theorem. Introduction to channel (error) detection and correction coding: Block and Convolutional coding. Maximum-likelihood sequence decoding: The Viterbi algorithm. Analysis of digital modulation techniques in AWGN. Optimal Receiver design. Nyquist and Partial-Response systems. Power Spectral Density (PSD) of random data signals. Digital Transmission through band-limited channels: ISI, Nyquist criteria and equalizers. Data communication standards and protocols. The focus will be on applications in the computer and network environments.

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