

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2021

## Soil mechanics 311 (SGM 311)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEng Civil Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEng Civil Engineering ENGAGE</a> <a href="#">BSc Engineering and Environmental Geology</a> <a href="#">BSc Geology</a>
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Prerequisites</b>	(SWK 210)
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 2 tutorials per week, 3 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Civil Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

Introduction to soil mechanics. Introduction to clay mineralogy. Mass, volume relationships and phases of soil. Groundwater flow and permeability. Effective stress principles. Suction pressures in saturated as well as partially saturated soil. The Mohr circle and stresses at a point. The Mohr-Coulomb strength theory and the stress-strain properties of soil. The Boussinesq theory. Consolidation theory and soil settlement.

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