

## University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

# Advanced aspects of operations research 780 (BAO 780)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
<b>Module credits</b>	16.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	24 contact hours
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Industrial and Systems Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

Decision makers are frequently faced with complex problem environments. The module introduces two advanced topics in the field of Operations Research that can assist in the development of more relevant decision support models. The first topic deals with multi objectivity and introduces a variety of interventions to incorporate the competing objectives into mathematical programming models. Secondly, the topic of Data Envelopment Analysis (DEA) is introduced, a non-parametric method used to empirically measure the productive efficiency of decision-making units. This linear programming methodology allows the decision maker to measure the productivity in complex environments with multiple inputs and outputs; uncover often overlooked relationships between in- and outputs; and analyse and quantify the inefficiencies of every unit evaluated.

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