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Stochastic processes 312 (WST 312)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Programmes BCom (Statistics and Data Science)

BCom

BCom (Econometrics)

BSc (Computer Science)

BSc (Actuarial and Financial Mathematics)

BSc (Applied Mathematics)

BSc (Chemistry)

BSc (Mathematical Statistics)

BSc (Mathematics)

BSc (Physics)

Service modules Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Prerequisites WST 211, WST 221, WTW 211 GS and WTW 218 GS

Contact time 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Statistics

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Definition of a stochastic process. Stationarity. Covariance stationary. Markov property. Random walk. Brownian motion. Markov chains. Chapman-Kolmogorov equations. Recurrent and transient states. First passage time. Occupation times. Markov jump processes. Poisson process. Birth and death processes. Structures of processes. Structure of the time-homogeneous Markov jump process. Applications in insurance. Practical statistical modelling, analysis and simulation using statistical computer packages and the interpretation of the output.

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