



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2022

## BEngHons *Geotechnical Engineering* (12240215)

**Department** Civil Engineering

**Minimum duration of study** 1 year

**Total credits** 128

**NQF level** 08

### Programme information

Refer also to G16-G29.

The curriculum is determined in consultation with the relevant heads of departments. A student is required to pass modules to the value of at least 128 credits.

The degree is awarded on the basis of examinations only.

### Admission requirements

1. BEng degree awarded by the University of Pretoria **or** relevant four-year bachelor's degree in engineering that the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA) regards as acceptable for registration as a candidate engineer and for eventual registration as a professional engineer
2. An entrance examination may be required
3. Comprehensive intellectual CV

### Examinations and pass requirements

Refer also to G18 and G26.

- i. The examination in each module for which a student is registered, takes place during the normal examination period after the conclusion of lectures (i.e. October/November or May/June).
- ii. G18(1) applies with the understanding that under exceptional circumstances an extension of a maximum of three years may be approved: provided that the Dean, on recommendation of the relevant head of department, may approve a stipulated limited extension of this period.
- iii. A student must obtain at least 50% in an examination for each module where no semester or year mark is required. A module may only be repeated once.
- iv. In modules where semester or year marks are awarded, a minimum examination mark of 40% and a final mark of 50% is required.
- v. No supplementary or special examinations are granted at postgraduate level.



## Pass with distinction

A student passes with distinction if he or she obtains a weighted average of at least 75% (not rounded) in the first 128 credits for which he or she has registered (excluding modules which were discontinued timeously). The degree is not awarded with distinction if a student fails any one module (excluding modules which were discontinued timeously). The degree must be completed within the prescribed study period.



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## Curriculum: Final year

**Minimum credits: 128**

### Core modules

- Analytical soil mechanics 787 (SGS 787) - Credits: 24.00
- Theoretical soil mechanics 788 (SGS 788) - Credits: 24.00
- Specialised geotechnical testing 789 (SGS 789) - Credits: 24.00
- Civil research 780 (SSC 780) - Credits: 32.00

### Elective modules

- Applied statistical methods and optimisation 798 (SHC 798) - Credits: 24.00
- Numerical methods and finite element applications for Civil Engineers 790 (SIK 790) - Credits: 24.00

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