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Soil formation and classification 350 (GKD 350)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#)

Module credits 14.00

NQF Level 07

Programmes [BSc \(Engineering and Environmental Geology\)](#)

[BSc \(Geography\) *Geography and Environmental Science*](#)

[BSc \(Geology\)](#)

[BScAgric \(Applied Plant and Soil Sciences\)](#)

Prerequisites GKD 250 GS

Contact time 1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Basic concepts of soil classification, soil pedology and pedomorphology. Underlying principles of global soil classification systems. A taxonomic system for South African soils. Identification of soil horizons, forms and families. An introduction to the World Reference Base for Soil Resources. Practical work: Field, laboratory and class practicals.

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