

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2023

Research project 400 (NSC 400)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	40.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	BEng (Metallurgical Engineering) BEng (Metallurgical Engineering) ENGAGE
Prerequisites	(NHM 322), or (NMM 320), or (NPM 321), or (NVM 321), finalists only.
Contact time	1 tutorial per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering
Period of presentation	Year

Module content

Literature search (using electronic databases of publications, formulating search strategies). Hypothesis formulation and preliminary experimental planning (identifying research question and stating hypothesis, proposing critical experiments, evaluating feasibility of possible experimental approaches). Literature survey (critical evaluation of published information, synthesising available information into a coherent argument, written and oral reporting). Final experimental planning (formulation of experiments with attention to calibration, uncertainty, reliability and safety). Execution of a research project: experimentation (with attention to safety, reliability, calibration and reproducibility); analysis of results to yield data (with statistical analysis of uncertainty); interpretation of data (to test the stated hypothesis); written reporting of results (with updated literature survey, description of experimental approach, data obtained, conclusions, and scientific and industrial implications); oral and poster presentations.

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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