

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2024

Natural language processing 760 (COS 760)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	15.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisite.
Contact time	2 hours per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Computer Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Students are introduced to the area of data and information analytics and management through mining structured and unstructured data, gaining insights and knowledge from data using generative AI techniques, and using novel methods to collect and use personal and public web postings via a set of case studies of big data analytics. Students who successfully complete COS 715 will be able to demonstrate knowledge and understanding of commonly used algorithms for NLP problems such as information extraction, machine translation, text summarisation, and question answering. Students will also learn the key concepts, tools, and approaches for dealing with textual data, as well as the underlying algorithmic and linguistic foundations for NLP techniques.

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