

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Process optimisation 781 (BMK 781)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	16.00
NQF Level	08
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	24 contact hours
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Industrial and Systems Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

Process optimisation is an engineering discipline which focuses on the tools and techniques used specifically for business process analysis, design, and optimisation. As physics determines the physical behaviour of tangibles, process physics forms the foundation of business process behaviour. Traditionally, operations research techniques are used by Industrial Engineers to optimise business processes, process optimisation provides a more focused approach using techniques such as Social Network Analysis, System Dynamics, image profiling and process mining to uncover analytical models.

The outcome of this course is to enable the student to create an integrated, analytical business process behaviour profile. This supports the analysis, design and optimisation of business processes in a Business Engineering lifecycle. The following topics are covered in the course:

- Standard Process Physics principles, facts and models.
- Process Intelligence
- Adaptive process control and SMART processes
- Robustness and complexity analysis
- Process mining
- Social Network Analysis

Process optimisation requires an understanding of operations research within the business engineer framework. This course requires a full understanding of undergraduate Industrial Engineering modules as well as a postgraduate understanding of resource optimisation and enterprise architecture.

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