

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Plant ecology 358 (BOT 358)

**Qualification** Undergraduate

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

**Module credits** 18.00

**NQF Level** 07

**Programmes** [BSc in Biochemistry](#)

[BSc in Biotechnology](#)

[BSc in Chemistry](#)

[BSc in Chemistry 4-year programme](#)

[BSc in Ecology](#)

[BSc in Ecology 4-year programme](#)

[BSc in Entomology](#)

[BSc in Genetics](#)

[BSc in Geography option Geography and Environmental Science](#)

[BSc in Microbiology](#)

[BSc in Plant Science](#)

[BSc in Zoology](#)

**Prerequisites** BOT 161 and BOT 251.

**Contact time** 2 lectures per week, 2 days field-based practical, 1 practical per week

**Language of tuition** Module is presented in English

**Department** Department of Plant and Soil Sciences

**Period of presentation** Semester 1

### Module content

Theory of plant community concepts, floristic and structural composition, plant diversity, ecological succession, landscape ecology. Data processing techniques. Species interactions and an evaluation of their effects on interacting species. Fundamentals of plant population biology: life tables; plant breeding systems and pollination; population dynamics; life history strategies; intraspecific competition; interspecific competition and co-existence. There is a compulsory field-based practical run over a weekend in the first month of the first semester.

### **General Academic Regulations and Student Rules**

The [General Academic Regulations \(G Regulations\)](#) and [General Student Rules](#) apply to all faculties and registered students of the University, as well as all prospective students who have accepted an offer of a place at the University of Pretoria. On registering for a programme, the student bears the responsibility of ensuring that they familiarise themselves with the General Academic Regulations applicable to their registration, as well as the relevant faculty-specific and programme-specific regulations and information as stipulated in the relevant yearbook. Ignorance concerning these regulations will not be accepted as an excuse for any transgression, or basis for an exception to any of the aforementioned regulations. The G Regulations are updated annually and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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