

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Introduction to computer science 151 (COS 151)

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| Qualification | Undergraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology |
| Module credits | 8.00 |
| NQF Level | 05 |
| Programmes | BCom specialising in Statistics and Data Science Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Multimedia [BIS] BSc in Computer Science BSc in Information Technology in Information and Knowledge Systems BSc in Applied Mathematics BSc in Mathematical Statistics BSc in Mathematics BSc in Mathematics 4-year programme BSc in Physics |
| Service modules | Faculty of Education Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences |
| Prerequisites | APS of 30 and level 5 (60-69%) Mathematics. |
| Contact time | 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Computer Science |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

This module introduces concepts and terminology related to the computer science discipline. General topics covered include the history of computing, machine level representation of data, Boolean logic and gates, basic computer systems organisation, algorithms and complexity and automata theory. The module also introduces some of the subdisciplines of computer science, such as computer networks, database systems, compilers, information security and intelligent systems. The module also focuses on modelling of algorithms.

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.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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