

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Theoretical computer science 210 (COS 210)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	8.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BSc in Computer Science</a> <a href="#">BSc in Information Technology in Information and Knowledge Systems</a> <a href="#">BSc in Applied Mathematics</a> <a href="#">BSc in Mathematics</a> <a href="#">BSc in Mathematics 4-year programme</a> <a href="#">BSc in Physics</a> <a href="#">BSc in Physics 4-year programme</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	COS 110 and COS 151, admission to relevant programme
<b>Contact time</b>	1 practical per week, 2 lectures per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Computer Science
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

### Module content

This module introduces students to a framework for investigating both computability and complexity of problems. Topics include, but are not limited to: finite-state machines, regular expressions and their application in a language such as awk, the Halting problem, context-free grammars, P vs NP problem, NP-complete class, reduction techniques, regular languages, DFAs and NFAs, Lattices, Church-Turing thesis.

### 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

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