

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Ethics and sustainability 785 (GIC 785)

Qualification	Postgraduate
Faculty	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Module credits	5.00
NQF Level	08
Programmes	PGDip in Business Administration PGDip in Business Administration
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	14 contact hours over 1 week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Gordon Institute of Business Science
Period of presentation	Semester 1 or Semester 2

Module content

The purpose of this half-module is to create an appropriate level of awareness of the importance of ethical and sustainable behaviour in the business environment. Important ethical and sustainability issues in the South African context will be debated and discussed to ensure delegates appreciate some of the hurdles facing business leaders in South Africa. Students will develop an understanding of the underlying principles behind responsible leadership and be provided with tools to make sound business decisions where there is an ethical dimension present. It will also provide students with tools to assist them when faced with ethical dilemmas.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

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