

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Information science 240 (INL 240)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology](#)

Module credits 16.00

NQF Level 06

Programmes [Bachelor of Information Science specialising in Publishing \[BIS\]](#)

[Bachelor of Information Science \[BIS\]](#)

[BA specialising in Visual Studies](#)

[Bachelor of Arts \[BA\] 4-year programme](#)

[BPolSci specialising in Political Studies](#)

Service modules Faculty of Humanities

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 3 practicals per week, 3 lectures per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Information Science

Period of presentation Semester 1

Module content

Social and ethical impact. This module examines moral and legal regulation practices related to information in print and digital environments. Different ethical theories are identified and applied to privacy, accuracy, intellectual property, access and security information, information poverty and censorship. Digital divide, information poverty and big data are discussed in this module. The interpretation and enforcement of rules and regulations are discussed.

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