

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Professional and technical communication 210 (MJJ 210)

Qualification	Undergraduate
Faculty	Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology
Module credits	8.00
NQF Level	06
Programmes	BEng in Mechanical Engineering 4-year programme BEng in Mechanical Engineering 5-year programme
Prerequisites	No prerequisites.
Contact time	2 tutorials per week, 2 lectures per week
Language of tuition	Module is presented in English
Department	Mechanical and Aeronautical Engineering
Period of presentation	Semester 1

Module content

Effective communication by engineers. Verbal, written and visual communication are all covered, with a focus on presentations and technical reports as the medium of communication. Effective communication in all three aspects is achieved with an understanding of the audience influence, the structure of information, the structuring of an argument and the effective use of language. Topics covered: Plagiarism, paraphrasing, correct referencing practices and distinguishing between information sources. Business emails and meetings. Body language. Graphical display of data in graphs and slides.

General Academic Regulations and Student Rules

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