

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Physical metallurgy 700 (NFM 700)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	32.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEngHons specialising in Metallurgical Engineering</a> <a href="#">BScHons in Applied Science specialising in Metallurgy</a>
<b>Prerequisites</b>	No prerequisites.
<b>Contact time</b>	48 contact hours per semester
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Materials Science and Metallurgical Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1 or Semester 2

### Module content

The module deals with the basic understanding of phase transformations in alloys, and its relationship with microstructure and mechanical properties of alloys. Included are transformation processes such as solidification; nucleation, growth and coarsening of precipitates; the use of carbides and intermetallic compounds in steels; static and dynamic re-crystallisation; grain growth and the use of grain boundary engineering; the martensite, bainite and pearlite transformations; thermomechanical processing and some elements of quantitative metallography. The course is practice orientated; the current best fundamental understanding of these transformation processes covered, and its role in engineering application demonstrated. The course is fully documented on CD-ROM from the latest literature and is largely intended for that research student who is embarking on a physical metallurgical research project.

### 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.

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