

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Numerical methods and finite element applications for Civil Engineers 790 (SIK 790)

<b>Qualification</b>	Postgraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	<a href="#">Faculty of Engineering, Built Environment and Information Technology</a>
<b>Module credits</b>	24.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	08
<b>Programmes</b>	<a href="#">BEngHons specialising in Geotechnical Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEngHons specialising in Structural Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEngHons specialising in Transportation Engineering</a> <a href="#">BEngHons specialising in Water Resources Engineering</a>
<b>Contact time</b>	40 contact hours
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Civil Engineering
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Year

### Module content

In the first part of this course, numerical procedures and some underlying theory for solving systems of equations, eigenvalue problems, integration, approximation and boundary value problems will be discussed. The second part of the course covers general finite element theory, discretization aspects related to geometry, nodes and numbering, element type and shape, interpolation functions, formulation of element characteristic matrices and vectors for elasticity problems, assembly and solution of the finite element equations, modelling procedures and results processing. The student will use Finite Element software to apply the theory that was covered in the course for solving typical Civil Engineering problems.

### 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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The faculty regulations, information on and requirements for the degrees published here are subject to change and may be amended after the publication of this information.

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