

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Food retailing and visual merchandising of food 427 (VDS 427)

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| Qualification | Undergraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences |
| Module credits | 17.00 |
| NQF Level | 08 |
| Programmes | Bachelor of Consumer Science in Food Retail Management [BConSci] |
| Prerequisites | VDS 417 |
| Contact time | 1 lecture per week, 1 practical per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Consumer and Food Sciences |
| Period of presentation | Semester 2 |

Module content

A South African perspective on food retail management with a focus on how general logistics throughout the supply chain is implemented with the South African consumer in mind. Aspects of food retailing with regard to display, presentation and shop layout as applied to food products are accentuated. This includes a practical application of the principles in visual merchandising of food and food retailing in the food industry. The UN sustainable development goal #12 is addressed during the theory components and practical sessions. Projects are focused on identifying not only critical areas of concern across the supply chain with possible mitigating strategies (thus encouraging responsible industry consumption, production) but also the adoption of innovative marketing strategies/ visual merchandising that educate consumers in terms of more sustainable consumption and production.

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