

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Atmospheric structure and processes 155 (WKD 155)

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| Qualification | Undergraduate |
| Faculty | Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences |
| Module credits | 16.00 |
| NQF Level | 05 |
| Programmes | BSc in Applied Mathematics BSc in Chemistry BSc in Chemistry 4-year programme BSc in Geography option Geography and Environmental Science BSc in Mathematical Statistics BSc in Meteorology BSc in Meteorology 4-year programme BSc in Physics BSc in Physics 4-year programme |
| Prerequisites | At least 50% for mathematics in grade 12. |
| Contact time | 1 practical per week, 4 lectures per week |
| Language of tuition | Module is presented in English |
| Department | Geography Geoinformatics and Meteorology |
| Period of presentation | Semester 1 |

Module content

Introduction to weather and climate. Climate of South Africa. Urban and rural climate. Meteorological instruments. Motion of the earth. Atmospheric mass and pressure. Energy and heat budget. Moisture in the atmosphere. Cloud development. Climate change. ENSO. Electromagnetic spectrum and remote sensing in meteorology. Synoptic weather systems of South Africa.

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.

Regulations, degree requirements and information

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.

University of Pretoria Programme Qualification Mix (PQM) verification project

The higher education sector has undergone an extensive alignment to the Higher Education Qualification Sub-Framework (HEQSF) across all institutions in South Africa. In order to comply with the HEQSF, all institutions are legally required to participate in a national initiative led by regulatory bodies such as the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET), the Council on Higher Education (CHE), and the South African Qualifications Authority (SAQA). The University of Pretoria is presently engaged in an ongoing effort to align its qualifications and programmes with the HEQSF criteria. Current and prospective students should take note that changes to UP qualification and programme names, may occur as a result of the HEQSF initiative. Students are advised to contact their faculties if they have any questions.