

# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Applications in data science 212 (WST 212)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	12.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	06
<b>Programmes</b>	BCom in Accounting Sciences
	BCom specialising in Information Systems
	BCom specialising in Investment Management
	BCom specialising in Statistics and Data Science
	Bachelor of Information Technology in Information Systems [BIT]
	BSc in Computer Science
	BSc in Information Technology in Information and Knowledge Systems
	BSc in Actuarial and Financial Mathematics
	BSc in Mathematical Statistics
	BSc in Mathematics 4-year programme
	BSc in Meteorology
	BSc in Meteorology 4-year programme
	BSc in Physics
	BScAgric in Agricultural Economics in Agribusiness Management
<b>Prerequisites</b>	WST 111, WST 121 or STK 110, STC 122
<b>Contact time</b>	2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Statistics
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1

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## Module content

Introduction to Databases. Database design and use. Data preparation and extraction: basic SQL queries, SQL joins and subqueries. Statistical modelling using database structures. Aims of data analysis (descriptive, inferential and predictive). Stages of conducting a data analysis to solve real-world problems. Sources and types of data and characteristics of extremely large or complex data sets. Introductory machine learning concepts: bias/variance trade-off, model complexity, cross-validation, regularisation, overfitting/underfitting, precision, recall, F1 score, ROC curve and confusion matrix. Data visualisation, data wrangling, supervised learning (linear, local and logistic regression) and unsupervised learning (k-means clustering). Statistical concepts are demonstrated and interpreted through practical coding and simulation within a data science framework.

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### 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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