

University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

Community ecology 353 (ZEN 353)

Qualification Undergraduate

Faculty [Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences](#)

Module credits 18.00

NQF Level 07

Programmes [BSc in Ecology](#)

[BSc in Ecology 4-year programme](#)

[BSc in Entomology](#)

[BSc in Geography option Geography and Environmental Science](#)

[BSc in Meteorology](#)

[BSc in Meteorology 4-year programme](#)

[BSc in Plant Science](#)

[BSc in Zoology](#)

Service modules Faculty of Education

Prerequisites ZEN 351 GS or BOT 358 GS

Contact time 2 lectures per week, 1 practical per week

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Zoology and Entomology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

The scientific approach; characteristics of the community; the community as a superorganism; community changes; competition as a factor determining community structure; disturbance as a determinant of community structure; community stability; macroecological environmental gradients and communities. A field trip will be conducted during the September vacation to the Sani Pass region of the Maloti- Drakensberg Mountains. The module addresses the sustainable development goals Good Health and Well-being, Sustainable Cities and Communities, Climate Action and Life on Land.

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

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