



NOTICE

TO ALL ENGINEERING STUDENTS

DEAR STUDENTS

In order to assist its students to succeed in their studies, the School of Engineering is moving most of its qualifications to a year module system.

The move to the year system will happen as follows:

- **From year 2024, Engineering modules will be offered as year modules only.** The only modules staying as semester modules are the two modules EUP1501 and ENG1503, as well as some Pulp and Paper modules.
- **Transitional arrangements for continuous assessment modules:** For any one of the modules which are changing to a year module from 2024 where assessment is through continuous assessments, students registered for the module in 2023 Semester 2 will be provided with additional assessment opportunities to assist them to pass the module in Semester 2. Students who still do not succeed in passing the module will have to reregister for the module as a year module in 2024.
- **Transitional arrangements for modules with written examinations:** For any one of the modules which are changing to a year module from 2024, all students who are due to write an examination in October/November 2023 and do not pass the module will be allowed to write a supplementary examination in January/February 2024. Students who still do not succeed in passing the module will have to reregister for the module as a year module in 2024.

WHICH QUALIFICATIONS ARE AFFECTED?

The following qualifications will be moved to the year module system in 2021 and 2022:

- **Diploma qualifications:** Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Pulp and Paper Technology.
- **Advance diploma qualifications:** Mechanical Engineering, Mining Engineering, Electrical Engineering in Power Engineering, Engineering Technology in Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering in Telecommunications, Chemical Engineering, Industrial Engineering.
- **Bachelor of Engineering Technology Honours qualifications:** Chemical Engineering, Structural Engineering, Water Engineering, Power Engineering, Electronic Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Mechanical Engineering.

ARE ALL MODULES IN THESE QUALIFICATION GOING TO BE CHANGED TO YEAR MODULES?

All modules will be offered as year modules from 2024, with the exception of the following:

- The modules EUP1501 and ENG1503
- The following modules, offered as part of the Diploma in Pulp and Paper technology: PPS1501, PPT2601, PPT2602, PPT2603, PPT3601.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SEMESTER MODULES AND YEAR MODULES?

Year modules are offered over a longer time, with the study period from March to October. The content of the modules stays the same but offering them as year modules gives students more time to master the content.

WHY DOES THE SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING WISH TO MOVE TO YEAR MODULES?

Engineering and Science subjects differ from many other disciplines in that mastering content takes time, and full understanding of previous concepts is required before continuing to new topics. Offering the modules as year modules will ensure sufficient time for deep learning and understanding of the necessary abstract concepts, as learning process will be spread over a longer period of time.

WILL IT TAKE LONGER FOR ME TO FINISH MY QUALIFICATION?

No, it is still possible to complete the qualification within the same number of years. The pre- and co-requisites of most modules have been revised in order to ensure that the move to year modules does not disadvantage the students concerned or extend the duration of the qualification.

Sincerely yours,

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For more information about the move to year modules and the affected qualifications, please send an email to cset@unisa.ac.za or visit www.unisa.ac.za/cset