



# University of Pretoria Yearbook 2025

## Physical chemistry 382 (CMY 382)

<b>Qualification</b>	Undergraduate
<b>Faculty</b>	Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences
<b>Module credits</b>	18.00
<b>NQF Level</b>	07
<b>Programmes</b>	<i>BSc Applied Mathematics</i> <i>BSc Biochemistry</i> <i>BSc Chemistry</i> <i>BSc Geology</i> <i>BSc Human Physiology</i> <i>BSc Mathematics</i> <i>BSc Physics</i> <i>BSc Plant Science</i> BSc specialising in Chemistry 4-year programme BSc specialising in Geology 4-year programme BSc specialising in Human Physiology 4-year programme BSc specialising in Mathematics 4-year programme BSc specialising in Physics 4-year programme
<b>Service modules</b>	Faculty of Education
<b>Prerequisites</b>	CMY 282, CMY 283, CMY 284 and CMY 285
<b>Contact time</b>	1 discussion classes every other week, 2 lectures per week, 2 practicals every other week
<b>Language of tuition</b>	Module is presented in English
<b>Department</b>	Chemistry
<b>Period of presentation</b>	Semester 1



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## Module content

Theory: Molecular quantum mechanics. Introduction: Shortcomings of classical physics, dynamics of microscopic systems, quantum mechanical principles, translational, vibrational and rotational movement. Atomic structure and spectra: Atomic hydrogen, multiple electron systems, spectra of complex atoms, molecular structure, the hydrogen molecule ion, diatomic and polyatomic molecules, structure and properties of molecules. Molecules in motion: Viscosity, diffusion, mobility. Surface chemistry: Physisorption and chemisorption, adsorption isotherms, surface tension, heterogeneous catalytic rate reactions, capillarity.

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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.

### 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.

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