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Finding courses at Stellenbosch University

A few important things to note

- Stellenbosch University has two course offerings available to international students: IPSU (International Programmes Stellenbosch University) and Mainstream
- International students can choose either IPSU or Mainstream courses or a combination of the two
- Academic departments at Stellenbosch University reserve the right to determine whether students meet with their requirements for admission to mainstream courses within their department and their decision is final. The department(s) can take up to 14 days and sometimes even longer to review applications and provide feedback
- It is a student's own responsibility to make sure that they apply for mainstream and IPSU courses that are on the correct level as requested by their home university (i.e. postgraduate or undergraduate – please note that all IPSU courses are undergraduate courses). Students may also choose a combination of undergraduate and postgraduate courses if approved by both home and host university
- Please do not contact departments directly. All enquiries and concerns regarding courses should be sent to the coordinator at the PGIO who in turn liaises with the relevant departments.

Defining the first and second semester at Stellenbosch University

The first semester is the first half of the academic year at Stellenbosch University which usually commences in February and ends in June. The second semester is the second half of the academic year at Stellenbosch University which usually commences in July and ends in December.

Term dates for the current year are available at <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/dates/term-dates>

Undergraduate courses

IPSU (International Programme Stellenbosch University)

COURSES:

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/international/prospective-students/non-degree-seeking--short-term-students-1/i-want-to-enrol-at-su-1/exchange-programmes/course-information-1.html>

Please note that the IPSU booklet may be updated during the year but IPSU courses are usually repeated every semester. If you are unsure about the availability of an IPSU course, do not hesitate to send an email to interchange@sun.ac.za.

MAINSTREAM COURSES:

Go to <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/> and click on the link for Calendar the relevant faculty – if this link does not work, do not hesitate to send an email to interchange@sun.ac.za

Understanding the Calendar

When making a choice for a mainstream course or module at the University of Stellenbosch, it is important to know what the different markers indicate to make it easier for you to make the right choice. This document gives a crash-course in deciphering the module codes so that you know exactly what you are choosing.

Language of instruction

Stellenbosch University Policy – Mainstream courses:

The following indicates the medium of instruction

(A) – Only Afrikaans

(E) – Only English

(T) – T option: 50/50

(A/E) – parallel: two class streams

* Take note that all academic material will be made available in English

Course details explained:

Each of the following abbreviations is used throughout the University to denote the stated combination of (i) type of instruction and (ii) length of time:

- L lecture of 50 minutes;
- P practical period of 50 minutes [for instance: 2P and 10P stand for totals of two practical periods and ten practical periods, respectively]; 3P a practical of maximally 170 minutes [this maximum is made up of 3 x 50 minutes, plus the two intervals of 10 minutes each];
- S seminar of 50 minutes;
- T tutorial of 50 minutes; 2T tutorial of maximally 110 minutes [this maximum is made up of 2 x 50 minutes, plus the interval of 10 minutes].

Course codes

Please familiarise yourself with the coding of mainstream and IPSU courses in order to make a course selection. The codes will tell you when the course is offered (in the case of undergraduate course).

The code consists of three digits. The first indicates the year-level of the course, the second indicates which semester the course is offered in (1, 2 and 3 indicates a course taught in the first semester; 4, 5 and 6 indicates a second semester course. 7 or 8 indicates a course that runs over a whole year). The third digit is irrelevant for your purposes.

For example: English 348 is a third year course (3); offered in the second semester (4).

It is your responsibility to make sure that you apply for courses on the correct level and in the correct semester.

**At the end of the document
please see the visual explanation
for additional assistance**

Postgraduate courses

Please note the following:

- All postgraduate courses at Stellenbosch University are offered in English
- Go to <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/> and click on the link for Calendar the relevant faculty – if this link does not work, do not hesitate to send an email to interchange@sun.ac.za
- All postgraduate course codes start with a 7 or 8.
- For postgraduate courses, it may be easiest to go directly to the department's website to find out which courses are on offer and when they will be on offer and what the language of instruction will be. You do this by going to the A-Z index on the official university website <http://www.sun.ac.za/english/a-z> and searching for the name of the department. You can also search for the name of the faculty in the index and follow the link from the faculty website to the relevant academic department. The contents of these postgraduate course offerings differ between departments. Some departments only indicate the course names, while others indicate the semester in which a course is offered and some departments have a detailed course description of the course available on the website.
- If you cannot find sufficient postgraduate course information on the departmental website, please contact our office so that we can further assist you in finding such information. Please do not contact departments directly. All enquiries and concerns regarding courses should be sent to the coordinator at the PGIO who in turn liaises with the relevant departments.

Visual explanation

Please see below the examples from various calendars to give you a better understanding of what you are looking at and what you should be looking for. The visual explanation includes both undergraduate and postgraduate examples.

Step one: Choose the relevant calendar for the faculty

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://inetkey.sun.ac.za/> and the page www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/. The navigation menu includes: Home, About us, **Faculties**, Students, Management, Alumni, Donors, For staff, Contact us, A-Z, and Dates. The main heading is "Faculties".

Four faculty cards are displayed, each with a representative image and a list of links:

- AgriSciences** (Image: A woman in a lab coat and mask):
 - [Undergraduate programmes](#)
 - [Postgraduate programmes](#)
 - [Calendar](#)
 - [Map](#)
- Arts and Social Sciences** (Image: A person in a mask holding a trophy):
 - [Undergraduate programmes](#)
 - [Postgraduate programmes](#)
 - [Calendar](#)
 - [Map](#)
- Economic and Management Sciences** (Image: A man in a suit holding a laptop):
 - [Undergraduate programmes](#)
 - [Postgraduate programmes](#)
 - [Calendar](#)
 - [Map](#)
- Education** (Image: A woman holding a book and a pen):
 - [Undergraduate programmes](#)
 - [Postgraduate programmes](#)
 - [Calendar](#)
 - [Map](#)

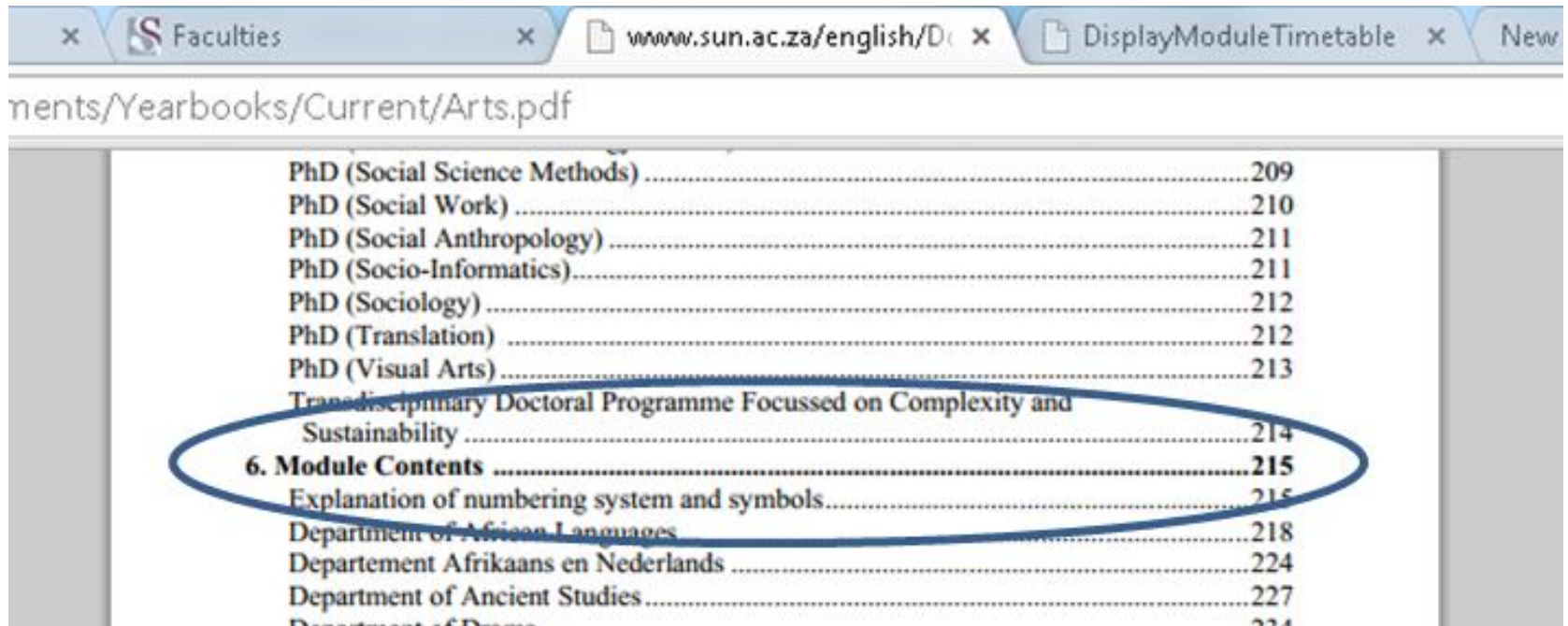
The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 12:03 PM on 2014/07/18.

The first example is from Arts and Social Sciences

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the following details:

- Address Bar:** <https://inetkey.sun.ac.za/> (with other tabs for students, Faculties, and DisplayModuleTimetable)
- Page URL:** www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/Current/Arts.pdf
- Page Content:**
 - Logo:** Stellenbosch University logo with the text "UNIVERSITEIT-STELLENBOSCH-UNIVERSITY" and the tagline "jou kennisvenoot • your knowledge partner".
 - Faculty Name:** Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
 - Dean:** Prof JP Hattingh, MA, DPhil (Stell)
 - Image:** A stylized graphic of a tree or plant at the bottom right of the page.
- Browser Interface:** Includes a search bar, navigation buttons, and a taskbar at the bottom with icons for Internet Explorer, Chrome, and other applications. The system clock shows 12:05 PM on 2014/07/18.

In the index, scroll down until you can see on which page the module content is listed for the department that you are interested in:



The screenshot shows a web browser with three tabs: 'Faculties', 'www.sun.ac.za/english/D...', and 'DisplayModuleTimetable'. The address bar shows the path 'nents/Yearbooks/Current/Arts.pdf'. The main content is a table of contents with the following entries:

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Arts and Social Sciences

6. Module Contents

EXPLANATION OF NUMBERING SYSTEM AND SYMBOLS

Various symbols, numbers and codes (some for computer purposes) are used in explaining the module contents in this section.

Numbering system for subjects and modules

All *subjects* are represented by a subject number of 5 digits. Each *module* of the subject is represented by a three-digit *module code*, in which the year of study and semester of presentation (unless otherwise stated) are combined. The number following the module code represents the credit value of the module.

The prescribed subjects for the various BA programmes, as well as the module content, credit value, prerequisite pass, prerequisite and corequisite modules are summarised, as illustrated below, in this section.

Example:

18414 PSYCHOLOGY				
114	12	Psychology as a Science	2L, 1T	T

Explanation:
18414 is the *subject number* and refers to the subject, Psychology.
114(12) (the number 12 will normally be written in brackets) is the *module code* of the module Psychology 114(12) with the module subject: *Psychology as a Science*.
The module code 114(12) has the following meaning:
First digit: 1 - refers to the *year of study* in which the module is presented;
Second digit: 1 - is a number to discriminate between modules of the same subject in the same year of study and refers to the *semester* (unless stated otherwise), according to the following pattern:
1, 2 or 3: modules offered in the first semester;
4, 5 or 6: modules offered in the second semester;
7, 8 or 9: modules offered over two semesters, i.e. a year module.
Third digit: 4 - has no specific meaning, but can be used to discriminate between different modules of the same subject in the same semester of the same year of study.
The *number in the block* (otherwise in brackets) *next to the module code* 12 indicates the

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DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Module contents for undergraduate programmes

44687 POLITICAL SCIENCE

112	6	Introduction to Political Science	1.5L, 1S	T
The characteristics of Political Science as an academic discipline; the development of the modern state; constitutions and constitutional change; state forms: democratic, authoritarian, unions, federations and confederations; forms of government: parliamentary and presidential systems of legislative and executive authority; the dynamics of political participation in modern political systems.				
122	6	International Relations	1.5L, 1S	T
An overview of the most important actors, structures and processes in the international system; an orientation towards the theoretical approaches to this field.				
142	6	South African Politics	1.5L, 1S	T
An analysis of the process of political transition to democracy in South Africa, party political policy, elections, the government of national unity, the Constitution and policy issues.				
152	6	Introduction to African Politics	1.5L, 1S	T
State formation in Africa: the delimitation of land and boundaries; population composition and independence; the influence of external factors such as colonialism on state formation; decolonisation and its internal dynamics, e.g. nationalism and resistance; the classification of modern African systems, e.g. multiparty, one-party, Marxist and military regimes; the most recent trends, including external and internal pressure to democratise.				

Note

Political Science 112, 122, 142 and 152 are compulsory modules for all the undergraduate programmes in which Political Science 1 is taken, except for the BA (Policy and Value Studies).

212	8	Political Behaviour	1.5L, 1S	T
A study of the way that figures and institutions with authority transfer political values				



You will see the courses on offer in Political Science listed as follows:

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www.sun.ac.za/english/Documents/Yearbooks/Current/Arts.pdf

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Note
 Political Science 112, 122, 142 and 152 are compulsory modules for all the undergraduate programmes in which Political Science I is taken, except for the BA (Policy and Value Studies).

212	8	Political Behaviour	1.5L, 1S	T
A study of the way that figures and institutions with authority transfer political values and the way that these values eventually become part of the political culture. In some cases certain people question the existing values and become involved in political protest and violence. The latter phenomena, as well as tolerance and conventional political participation, are studied.				
222	8	The Global Political Economy	1.5L, 1S	T
A study of the dynamic interaction between politics and economics, with a specific focus on the structures of the global political economy (trade, finance, production, knowledge and security), and on the tension between state and market institutions; perspectives adopted in the study of this field; South Africa in the global political economy.				
232	8	Foreign Policy	1.5L, 1S	T
Offers an introduction and survey of the purpose and development of foreign policy, the interaction with domestic policy questions, the role of different actors in foreign policy and the impact that issues at regional and global levels have, with special reference to				

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Deciphering the details

152	6	Introduction to African Politics	1.5L, 1S	T
State formation in Africa: the delimitation of land and boundaries; population composition and independence; the influence of external factors such as colonialism on state formation; decolonisation and its internal dynamics, e.g. nationalism and resistance; the classification of modern African systems, e.g. multiparty, one-party, Marxist and military regimes; the most recent trends, including external and internal pressure to democratise.				

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This indicates the amount of credits for the course:
2 South African credits = 1 ECTS
4 South African credits = 1 USA credit

This indicates the specific name of the module

Provides short description of course

Indicates type of instruction and length of time (indicated per week)

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An example from Business Management

244	16	Advertising and sales promotion	3L, 1P	A & E
<p>Advertising and the marketing process; the consumer audience; portfolio planning and research; functioning of advertising; advertising planning and strategy; advertising media; media planning and buying; printed media; creative advertising; integration of the elements of marketing communication.</p> <p><i>P Marketing Management 214</i></p> <p>Home department. BUSINESS MANAGEMENT</p>				

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An example from Engineering (it looks a bit different than the others but still contains the same information)

39020 BUILDING MATERIALS

254 Basic Building Materials Practice (15)

A & E (Interpreting) (3.00 l, 2.00 p, 1.00 t, 0.00 s per week)

Composition, manufacturing, mechanical behaviour and durability of construction materials in civil engineering, including concrete, masonry, polymers, steel and timber, test methods for control and characterisation.

Home department: CIVIL ENGINEERING

Method of Assessment: Flexible Assessment

Required modules:

P Engineering Chemistry 123

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Provides short description of course

If a postgraduate course is listed in the module description from a department, it will look like the following examples.

Please just remember that the course codes for postgraduate courses are more complicated, as the digits do not always correspond to the semester it is offered in.

For postgraduate courses, it is the easiest to go directly to the department's website to find out which courses are on offer and when they will be on offer

Example from Law

62537 - 843	30	International Law and Children's Rights	2L	E
<p>This module deals with the main international children's rights documents pertaining to children and their rights. The following aspects are covered: the status of international children's rights instruments in South Africa; the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child; the African Charter on Rights and Welfare of the Child; The Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoptions and Children in Armed Conflict.</p> <p><i>1 question paper of 4 to 8 hours</i></p>				

The Law faculty provides the full module code for their courses – you only need to look at the last three digits – if the first digit is a 7 or 8, you know it is a postgraduate course. The second digit still indicates when it is on offer (1, 2 and 3 indicates a course taught in the first semester; 4, 5 and 6 indicates a second semester course. 7 or 8 indicates a course that runs over a whole year). The third digit is irrelevant for your purposes.

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Example from Agricultural Science – as from the example, postgraduate courses sometimes have no type of instruction, length of time or language of instruction indicated

711	16	Aquaculture production and management systems I		
Management practice of aquaculture production in relation to production systems: production planning; production management: applied biology, nutrition, water quality; including intensive and extensive systems, with reference to marine and freshwater species.				
Home department: ANIMAL SCIENCES				

if the first digit is a 7 or 8, you know it is a postgraduate course. The second digit can still indicate whether it is on offer in a specific semester (1, 2 and 3 indicates a course taught in the first semester; 4, 5 and 6 indicates a second semester course. 7 or 8 indicates a course that runs over a whole year). The third digit is irrelevant for your purposes.

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