

Power System Data Analytics



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DEADLINE

Certificate course registration closes 14 calendar days before the course starts.

The number of attendees is limited. Bookings will be taken on a first come, first served basis. For academic module registration deadlines, please contact the relevant academic programme coordinator.



PRESENTER AND COORDINATOR

Prof Jacomine Grobler is a member of the Department of Industrial Engineering (IE) at Stellenbosch University. She specializes in optimisation algorithm development and data science. She spent seven years in industry before completing her PhD in 2015. She has since received a number of rewards including the 2017 South African Institute for IE Most Outstanding Young Industrial Engineering Researcher Award and regularly reviews papers for leading international journals.



PRESENTER

Dr Amaris Dalton is a management consultant with Volkswagen Consulting in Germany, and an extraordinary senior lecturer at Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Engineering. Originally trained as a meteorologist, his research is focused on the integration of variable renewable energy into power systems, with a broad publication record including topics such as wind power prediction and power systems modeling. He also has extensive industry experience in environmental management and energy trading.

OTHER PRESENTERS

Dr Armand du Plessis (Stellenbosch University)

Mr Eldon Burger (Stellenbosch University)



Synopsis

An introduction to the data analytics life cycle, and how to apply each phase of this life cycle to solve power system data analytics problems, with specific reference to short-term forecasting of demand and renewable energy production.

Students will learn techniques for exploratory data analysis, and how to apply machine learning approaches for mining knowledge from data sets, to extract hidden patterns, associations and correlations from data. Students will gain the practical know-how needed to apply data analytics techniques to structured data. The advanced data analytics techniques encountered will be applied to data intensive engineering problems from the power systems domain.

As part of the modelling and evaluation phases of the data life cycle the following short-term demand and VRE production forecasting aspects will be covered in more detail:

- Introduction to power system operation - the need for forecasting
- Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) models
- Weather processes and climate for South Africa
- Relationship between weather and load
- Relationship between weather and VRE production
- VRE energy conversion models
- Weather parameter measurement (data aspect)
- Short-term load forecasting
- Application of machine learning and big data techniques to short term VRE production forecasting

Qualification and accreditation

The module is accredited for a variety of outcomes, depending on what the attendee registers for. Module contact time (40 hours) are shared by all attendees, but additional assessments, assignments, and projects will be specific to the outcome that the attendee registered for.

- The module is accredited for ECSA Continuous Professional Development (CPD) credits, and attendees can obtain a certificate of attendance (if all lectures have been attended) or competence (if all lectures have been attended and various assessments have been successfully passed).
- Unless otherwise stated, the module is also accredited for 15 academic credits at both NQF8 level (Post-graduate diploma) and NQF9 level (Masters), as part of various [academic programmes](#). This requires a total time investment of 150 hours.

Delivery Model

- The module will be delivered over five days. Pre- and post-module assignments and projects are applicable depending on the outcome the attendee registered for.
- **Certificate of competence and academic attendees are required to attend the full module in person.** Certificate of attendance attendees have the option of attending the module in person, online only, or a mixture of these.

Who should attend

Engineers, technologists and technicians active in the energy sector. Government and local authority officials. Managers, planners and developers. Investors. Academic students.

Travel and Accommodation

All travel and accommodation arrangements are the attendee's own responsibility.

Prerequisites

Certificate of attendance: none

Certificate of competence / Post-graduate diploma at NQF8: NQF7 engineering qualification or equivalent

Masters at NQF9: NQF8 engineering qualification

IT infrastructure: For online attendees, adequate internet connectivity to connect reliably via Teams for the duration of the module. For Certificate of competence, Diploma and Masters attendees, a computer capable of running Windows 10 with user rights to install new software.

Module Fees

- The standard fee for the five-day module is **R14 200 for a certificate of attendance**, and **R19 100 for a certificate of competence**. Please refer to the University's latest study cost information for academic fees.
- From time to time funding is sourced to subsidise module fees for specific modules for attendees from specific areas of industry. Please refer to CRSES's short courses website for the latest information.
- Cancellations made up to 21 days before the module starts will be subject to a 15% handling fee. No refunds will be made after this date; however, substitutions will be accepted.
- Payment is mandatory for attendance.
- In the case of unforeseen circumstances, Stellenbosch University reserves the right to cancel the module or change the presenter/s, in which case all fees will be reimbursed in full on request.

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