

# Course Descriptions Bachelor 2019-2020

Course Title (Business) Research Methods for Pre-master  
 Course Code EBC2170  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	14-4-2020	5-6-2020	X			X	

Level Premaster

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Language of instruction English

Goals For business research the use of data analysis is pivotal and it is the objective of this PREMASTER course to introduce students to quantitative data analysis methods for business research. To provide you with the quantitative business research methods we will:

- \* Introduce relevant quantitative data analysis methods for business research;
- \* Apply these quantitative data analysis methods in a team assignments using the statistical software package IBM SPSS as analysis platform using a hands-on, data-based case approach;
- \* Interpret the empirical results obtained from the data analysis in IBM SPSS;
- \* Present and communicate the findings in a meaningful way and
- \* Report and discuss findings and implications.

Description This course is a follow-up to the course Academic Skills and Competences for PREMASTER. The following stages of the scientific method can be distinguished: (1) defining the problem, (2) develop the theoretical framework and hypotheses, (3) research design, (4) development of measures and data collection, (5) data analysis and (6) Interpretation and reporting. In this course we will focus on quantitative analysis for the stages: (4) development of measures and data collection, (5) data analysis and (6) Interpretation and reporting. We cover the following topics:

- \* Scaling
- \* Questionnaire Design (QUALTRICS)
- \* Sampling
- \* Hypotheses Testing (Sample Size/Power)
- \* Descriptive Statistics
- \* Visualization/Graphs
- \* Basic Analytics (parametric and nonparametric Tests)
- \* Analysis of Variance
- \* Correlation
- \* Regression
- \* Factor Analysis

Literature \* Field, A. (2017). Discovering Statistics Using IBM SPSS Statistics. Sage Publications.  
 \* Field, A (2016). An Adventure in Statistics: The Reality Enigma. Sage Publications.

Prerequisites Dutch, German or Belgian University of Applied Sciences (HBO) students

Keywords

Teaching methods Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers

Assessment methods Participation / Written Exam / Presentation

Evaluation in previous academic year For the complete evaluation of this course please click <http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM>

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation

Pre-master Global Supply Chain Management and Change	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Accountancy	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Accounting and Control	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Controlling	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Management	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Information Management and Business Intelligence	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Marketing-Finance	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Strategic Corporate Finance	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Strategic Marketing	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Strategy and Innovation	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Supply Chain Management	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master International Business specialisation Sustainable Finance	Compulsory Course(s)
Pre-master Learning and Development in Organisations	Compulsory Course(s)