

Course Descriptions Master 2021-2022

Course Title	Research Approaches and Methods							
Course Code	SSP3031							
ECTS Credits	2,0							
Assessment	Pass / Fail							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	3	10-1-2022	21-1-2022		X		X	
Level	no level							
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Language of instruction	English							
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Understand common research approaches and their differences.* Understand how a different research approach may lead to different research results and a different way in which results are relevant for policy and society.* Explain why and how a thesis literature review can be performed.* Understand different methods for data collection (interviews, questionnaires, document analysis) and how to perform these.* Understand different methods for data analysis (coding qualitative data, quantitative analysis via SPSS) and how these can be applied.							
Description	<p>Before conducting academic research in the field of sustainability science, it is important to understand the basics of research approaches and methods used within the field. Both the choice for an approach and the method(s), influence the way in which a topic is studied and the research results.</p> <p>This course aims to provide students with the basic knowledge and experience to perform a thesis-related literature review, understand the methodological underpinnings of a chosen research approach, undertake data collection and engage in data analysis in a scholarly way.</p>							
Literature	Reference list will be provided.							
Prerequisites								
Keywords								
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture							
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Attendance							
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	Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society				Thesis			