

## Course Descriptions None 2013-2014

Course Title From curiosity to the research process  
 Course Code EBS2060  
 ECTS Credits 4,0  
 Assessment None

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	16-6-2014	27-6-2014					

Level no level  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals During this skill students will work on the following competences: conceptualization, analytical and critical thinking. As a result of the skill students will have an understanding of the need for new knowledge, resulting in developing a conceptual model, research questions/ hypothesis and appropriate research design. The course is a good preparation for understanding academic articles and all the analytical work students will do in future activities.

Description This course is a continuation of the skills training 'Reflections on academic discourse' in the first year. In that course differences between theories were discussed. In this specific course students will get an understanding of how theories are built or in more general terms how new knowledge is created. Thereby paying attention to the aim of the research, formulating research questions and an appropriate methodology to answer the research question. Other topics are: the research process, induction/deduction, the research wheel, differences between levels of theory building and formulating hypothesis. The skill is organized as follows. First, there will be plenary sessions in which students will be informed about the reasons of the research and the research process. Second, there will be small group sessions in which students 1) analyze the development of knowledge, 2) investigate a research process and 3) write a short research proposal. These groups will be organized by topical area.

Literature Relevant articles

Prerequisites

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment

Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation

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

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics and Management of Information	Elective Skills
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Elective Skills
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Economic Studies	Elective Skills
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	Year 2-3 Elective Skills
Bachelor International Business	Year 2-3 Elective skills