

Course Descriptions None 2014-2015

Course Title Forecasting for Economics and Business
 Course Code EBC2089
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment None

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	2-2-2015	3-4-2015	X/E		X/E		

Level Intermediate
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 Language of instruction English

Goals Understand the importance of knowing the mechanism that generated the data regarding the phenomenon about which a forecast is required;
 Learn the basic tools for making forecasts including software (E-Views)
 Learn and understand methods to investigate dynamic relationships between a series and influential exogenous variables;
 Gain practical experience in analysing, modelling and forecasting a time series and reporting the results in coursepaper.

Description This course focuses on modern techniques in modeling time series and on the construction of simple dynamic models. The course will extensively cover the Box-Jenkins methodology, and extend to models with non-stationary data, forecasting with leading indicators and multivariate dynamic models (VAR).

Literature The book by Diebold (2007), 'Elements of Forecasting'.

Prerequisites This course can be chosen as an elective by students in the Bachelor program of IB, INF, IBE and IES. Students are expected to have a good foundation in quantitative methods, in particular statistics including knowledge about the multiple regression model.
 Bowerman and O'Connell (2007), Business Statistics in Practice, 4th ed., McGraw-Hill, Chapters 1 to 12 give a good indication of the topics that students should have covered in earlier courses.
 An advanced level of English.

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment

Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation / Oral Exam

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	QE Electives
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics and Management of Information	QE Electives
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	QE Electives
	Bachelor International Business	QE electives
	SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses