Course Descriptions None 2016-2017

Course Title	Optimisation
Course Code	EBC2105
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	5-9-2016	28-10-2016	X	X			X

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Stan van Hoesel For more information:s.vanhoesel@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	In this course the student will learn to solve both linear and non-linear constrained optimization problems.
Description	Optimisation problems arise in all fields that econometricians encounter, such as operations research, game theory, statistics, micro- and macroeconomics and finance. The aim of this course is to show the methodology for solving constraint optimisation problems both for linear and non-linear problems. These methodologies are also known as Linear and Non-Linear Programming, respectively. The following topics and techniques will be treated: the standard simplex method, duality, sensitivity analysis, the primal-dual simplex method, the network simplex method, first and second order necessary and sufficient conditions, the Lagrangian-function, Kuhn-Tucker conditions and constraint qualification. Besides this, special attention is paid to the application of these methodologies in practical problems.
Literature	Course book. Vanderbei, R.J., Linear Programming: Foundations and Extensions, 4th ed., Springer, 2014 (ISBN 978-1-4614-7629, DOI 10.1007/978-1-4614-7630-6).
Prerequisites	Basic algebra (for linear programming), and advanced calculus (for nonlinear programming). Exchange students need to be aware that very specific pre-knowledge is required for this course. A solid background in mathematics is necessary. Students should be aware of the following concepts: Algebra: working knowledge of vector computing and matrices (including inverse matrices). Linear equations, and find the solutions of a set of equations etc. Function theory on the level of optimisation of functions of multiple variables under side conditions (Lagrange multipliers) An advanced level of English.
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture
Assessment methods	Attendance / Participation / Written 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 Econometrics and Operations Research	Year 2 Compulsory Courses