Course Descriptions None 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
Coordinator	Ceren Pekdemir For more information:ceren.pekdemir@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	* 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	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. 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.
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