# Course Descriptions None 2023-2024

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| Course Title | Business Research Strategy |
| Course Code | EBC4070 |
| ECTS Credits | 6,5 |
| Assessment | Whole/Half Grades |

Period

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| N/A | 1-1-1900 | 1-1-1900 | | | | | |

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| Level | Advanced |
| Coordinator | Lex Borghans For more information:lex.borghans@maastrichtuniversity.nl |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | The main overall objective of the course is preparing students to write a proposal for the master thesis, which is also the final assignment.<br>The following learning objectives support this overall objective.<br>Understand and learn how to design and conduct a research study by applying the appropriate methodology.<br>* Get acquainted with the different phases of research and the typical problems encountered in these phases.<br>* Understand interdependencies and trade-offs between different design choices.<br>* Learn to critically read a research report from a methodological perspective. |
| Description | The course "Business Research Design" is developed as an advanced methodology course for students, who want to specialize in business research and who followed intermediate course on methodology previously. It prepares student to write a Ph.D. thesis or in becoming a specialist with substantial research tasks.<br>In developing this course we have assumed that students are already familiar with the basic principles of research methodology. For those who want to engage in research such knowledge is important but not enough. They should learn to understand the context in which research is done and the process by which it takes shape. Therefore, the focus of this course is on the research process and the various decisions researchers have to take. |
| Literature | - Boris F. Blumberg, Donald R. Cooper and Pamela S. Schindler. Business Research Methods. (2014), McGraw-Hill.<br>- A Selection of PhD Dissertations defended at Maastricht University<br>- A broad collection of Articles. |
| Prerequisites | TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS:<br>This course has been cancelled.<br><br>The following rule applies to master Business Research students who started the programme prior to academic year 2023-2024.<br>TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC4070):<br>Replace the course with EBC4125 Research Strategy.<br><br>See the Transitional Regulations section in the Master Education and Examination Regulations for more information.<br><br>PREREQUISITES:<br>Students should be familiar with methodological principles. Previous courses in business research methods at the Bachelors level provide usually the expected pre-knowledge. As this course deals with methodological issues at the advanced level, we strongly recommend that students have followed courses in research methods and quantitative analysis previously. In particular, we expect that students are familiar with the quantitative as well as qualitative methods at an intermediate level. |
| Teaching methods | PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork |
| Assessment methods | Final Paper |
| 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

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| Transitional Regulations | See prerequisites |