

Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

Course Title	Research Strategy																
Course Code	EBC4125																
ECTS Credits	6,5																
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades																
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Level	Advanced																
Coordinator	Nienke Ruijs For more information:nienke.ruijs@maastrichtuniversity.nl																
Language of instruction	English																
Goals	Students will learn to develop a research strategy to estimate causal relationships in economics. Students acquire an understanding of methods for identification and estimation as well as gain insights into practical issues that arise when developing a research strategy and working on a research proposal.																
Description	This course provides an overview of methodological and practical issues that arise in empirical economics when estimating causal relationships. The course focuses on identification and estimation methods. We review advantages and pitfalls of various identification strategies, and discuss data requirements and measurement problems associated with different research strategies. Since the aim is to sharpen students' intuition about the advantages and disadvantages of various research strategies in economics and to judge which methods are most appropriate in different contexts and circumstances, you have to present and discuss the vices and virtues of key papers, each of which relies on a particular research strategy.																
Literature	Several academic articles.																
Prerequisites	<p>This course is in transition for the master Business Research. See the Master Education and Examination Regulations for more information.</p> <p>The following rule applies to master Business Research students who started the programme prior to academic year 2024-2025. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC4125): The master Business Research has been discontinued. Courses of the Business Research master's programme will continue to be offered until and including academic year 2025-2026 with exam opportunities running until and including 2026-2027.</p> <p>PREREQUISITES: Methodological background at Research MSc level.</p>																
Teaching methods	PBL / 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																
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