

# Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

Course Title Sustainability Governance  
 Course Code SSP2041  
 ECTS Credits 5,0  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	3-2-2025	30-3-2025	X			X	

Level Intermediate/Advanced  
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Language of instruction English

Goals Objective 1: Students have a comprehensive understanding of key concepts (e.g. multi-actor, multi-level, multi-domain) and current forms of Sustainability Governance (e.g. partnerships and network governance).

Objective 2: Students apply the key concepts of Sustainability Governance to current sustainability issues and governance approaches.

Objective 3: Students evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of various levels (e.g. transnational, regional and local) of Sustainability Governance from a multi-level and meta-governance perspective.

Description Steering for a sustainable society challenges state-centered political-institutional systems. Next to 'hierarchical governance' new forms of 'collaborative governance' have emerged, reflecting the overall fragmentation of governance and the changing role of governments. Like sustainable development, governance is a contested concept. It's about new relations between actors from different societal domains, such as the state, the market, and the civil society. It's about collective action by multiple actors, involving multiple sectors at multiple scale levels. It's about new multi-actor constellations, and their structures, institutions, processes, resources and instruments. It's about different modes of governance, depending on prevailing world views and perspectives. In this course, governance practices at transnational, regional, national and local level are examined. New governance approaches which play a pivotal role in the social process towards a more sustainable world will be discussed, such as networks and partnerships. For integrating sustainability governance at these different levels, the course will discuss multi-level and meta-governance approaches. An important element of this course is the link between theoretical concepts and their practical relevance, illustrated by three application domains: food, water and energy governance.

Literature

Prerequisites This course is in transition.  
 See the Master Education and Examination Regulations for more information.

The following rule applies to master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society students who started the programme prior to academic year 2023-2024.

TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (SSP2041):  
 In 2024-2025 students are allowed to repeat the examination and resit.  
 Use AskSBE to register.

PREREQUISITES:  
 Exchange students can only register for this course provided they previously took the course SSP2011 Sustainable Development or SSP2031 Sustainability Science.

Keywords

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Papers

Assessment methods Written Exam / Presentation

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 - Policy for Sustainability	Compulsory Course(s)
	Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society	Transitional Regulation
	SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses