

Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title Philosophy of Science
 Course Code EBS1001
 ECTS Credits 4,0
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
S1	1-9-2025	30-1-2026	C				

Level Introductory

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Language of instruction English

Goals

Description The skills training EBS1001 consists of two components: "Academic Writing" and "Philosophy of Science". The components are mostly coordinated and carried out separately, but they have a joint examination in the form of a term paper. The Academic Writing component aims to help you (a) understand the concept of academic writing in English and (b) become aware of the generally-accepted standards of academic writing required for written assignments produced as part of your study programme in the School of Business and Economics. By the end of the course, you are expected to be able to produce work of a high quality in structure, language and citing skills. Furthermore, by working in small multicultural tutorial groups and providing each other with feedback, you will develop your intercultural communication skills, which you need to communicate successfully in the global business market. In the Philosophy of Science component we discuss fundamental questions like "What is science and what do we need it for?", "What is pseudoscience?", or "What makes some scientific theories better than others?" By the end of the training you will be equipped with a solid understanding of how science works in principle, an overview of criteria that can help you to evaluate the scientific value of the theories that you encounter throughout your studies, and an introduction to the standards of good scientific practice and of Open Science. All first year students of the School of Business and Economics follow this course together, i.e., Economics, Econometrics, Fiscal Economics, and International Business students will meet each other. This creates a fruitful diversity of backgrounds and interests in your tutorials and benefits the exchanges and discussions you have.

Literature Samir Okasha 'Philosophy of Science: A Very Short Introduction', 2nd edition (!), 2016, Oxford University Press, ISBN: 978-0198745587 (also available as eBook).

Prerequisites An advanced level of English.No specific required knowledge requested.

Transitional Regulations <div class="trreg"><div class="subtitle">TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS</div><ul class="trcohorts">Bachelor Fiscal EconomicsIn 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.In 2026-2027 exam/resit opportunities are offered.From 2027-2028 onwards, the course is cancelled.<table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2024-2025 - 2025-2026</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>2026-2027</td><td> </td><td>X</td><td> </td></tr><tr><td>2027-2028 onwards</td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></tbody></table></div>

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork

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>

This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor Fiscal Economics	In transition - Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 1 Compulsory Skills
	Bachelor International Business	Year 1 Compulsory Skills