Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	Interview Skills and Techniques
Course Code	EBS2035
ECTS Credits	4,0
Assessment	Pass / Fail

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	12-1-2026	23-1-2026	C				

Level	Introductory
Coordinator	Simon Bartczek For more information:s.bartczek@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The emphasis of this course is the training of individual communication skills. We will use role-play as the teaching method in each group meeting, by which everybody will have ample opportunity to practise these skills. The experience gained from each role-play will be documented on individual learning points forms. After this training students should be aware of different interviewing techniques and should be able to apply them.
Description	In this course we will train basic interview techniques for information gathering. While this course is not intended as training for job interviews, the skills learned are applicable to numerous personal interview situations both in the academic realm and beyond. We will use the techniques and skills needed for the most difficult form of interviewing, the non-directive or open interview. The focus is on qualitative research via face-to-face interviews, which are commonly used in consultancy practice. The problems a consultant typically faces are embedded in information gathering; in order to understand and diagnose a problem, he or she must first gather information. Along with internet or literature research, personal interviews are a primary source of data gathering, allowing the consultant to look for underlying problems. Depth interviews allow the user to uncover information, including attitudes and histories, needed for decision making. These interviews form the backbone of the course, with several different situations and configurations to allow the student ample ability to practice and hone these essential communication skills. Video and observer feedback allow the student to be assessed as their skills develop. Students will learn to write an interview guide to fit their information gathering needs. They will learn to give constructive feedback, practice active listening skills, silence tolerance, evaluate non-verbal behaviour and conduct several different types of interviews, including the free-attitude interview, the probing interview and the problem clarification interview. A professional interview will be analysed and discussed in the course. Learning goals and outcomes will be the basis for the written assignment which concludes this skills course.
Literature	A selection of articles and book chapters will be made available in the Course book.
Prerequisites	An advanced level of English None. Since this course relies heavily on role-plays, students should be able to speak English and write well. - role-plays nb: Students should have (or borrow) a recording device to tape their interviews (audio or video) - video feedback
Transitional Regulations	
Teaching methods	PBL / Assignment
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Attendance / 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 2 Elective Skills
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 2 Elective Skills
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 2 Elective Skills
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 2 Elective Skills
Bachelor International Business	Year 2 Elective Skills
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Skills
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Skills
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Skills