Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	Writing a Referee Report
Course Code	EBS4024
ECTS Credits	4,0
Assessment	Pass / Fail

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	22-6-2026	3-7-2026	C				

Level	Advanced
Coordinator	Stephan Smeekes, Ines Wilms For more information:s.smeekes@maastrichtuniversity.nl; i.wilms@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	Scientific researchers are supposed to contribute to the peer reviewing process of scientific journals. The skill of writing a good referee report is a competence to be acquired in becoming a complete scientist. In this course, students are trained in a practical way in the writing of a report.
Description	There is one opening lecture in which tips and tricks are provided. Next, students write a referee report for a chosen paper. Finally, students read each others' reports and discuss on them in a closing session, where also the lecturer provides his/her feedback on the reports.
Literature	Links to articles with tips for writing referee reports will be made available on the course website.
Prerequisites	<p>This skill is only available to research master students who are missing 2 ECTS or less in their study plan in order to graduate. Small ECTS deficits arise if students have taken courses outside UM with different ECTS per course.
Transitional Regulations	TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS <ul class="trcohorts"> - Master Business Research - Master Business Research - Operations Research - In 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;"><col><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>
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture / Assignment
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

Master Business Research - No specialisation	Transitional Regulation
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Transitional Regulation
Master Economic and Financial Research - Econometrics	Year 2 Elective Skills
Master Economic and Financial Research - No specialisation	Year 2 Elective Skills