

Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	Research Strategy							
Course Code	EBC4125							
ECTS Credits	6,5							
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	5	13-4-2026	5-6-2026	X			X	
Level	Advanced							
Coordinator	Lex Borghans For more information:lex.borghans@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	Methodological background at research master level.							
Transitional Regulations	<div class="trreg"><div class="subtitle">TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS</div><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;"><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 / 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							
This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation	Master Business Research - No specialisation				In transition - Year 1 Compulsory Courses			
	Master Business Research - Operations Research				In transition - Year 1+2 Elective Courses			
	Master Business Research - Operations Research				Transitional Regulation			
	Master Economic and Financial Research - No specialisation				Year 1 Core Courses			
	SBE Exchange Master				Master Exchange Courses			
	SBE Non Degree Courses				Master Courses			