

Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title Academic Skills and Project Management
Course Code BENS1001
ECTS Credits 5,0
Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	1-9-2025	17-10-2025	C				
2	27-10-2025	12-12-2025	C				

Level Introductory/Intermediate

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Language of instruction English

Goals

- * Presenting arguments in a logical way and formulate conclusions.
- * Developing a solution to a case study problem in a team setting.
- * Presenting scientific results (both oral and written) to an audience of academics and practitioners.
- * Translating a problem into a manageable project.
- * Developing an awareness of the range, scope and complexity of the phenomena, issues and problems related to project management.
- * Offering an integrated perspective on managing complex projects (that can include organizational change).
- * The ability to apply tools, techniques, methods and models for project management.

Description

In this Business Engineering skills training we will look at organizing value creation as projects. Business Engineers will play important roles in miscellaneous projects through their working careers. For some their entire career will consist of being members on different project teams (sequential in time and even at the same time). The project management part of this skills training offers an insight in the role of project management in different organizational contexts. Special attention is given to the following issues: project selection, the project organization, the project manager, project planning, resource allocation and project control. The use of projects and project management continues to grow in our society and its organizations. Project management allows us to achieve complex tasks which could not, or only with the greatest of difficulty be achieved if organised in traditional ways. Project management also has a clear link with innovation management as the development of new products and services is predominantly being carried out in project groups. People from different functions or departments in an organization often together with experts from outside the organization itself are brought together on a temporary basis to accomplish a complex task. This course offers an insight into the role of project management in different organizational contexts.

Literature Mantel and Meredith, Project Management in Practice, 7th Edition, ISBN: 9781119703037

Prerequisites No prerequisites are required.

Keywords Academic writing, academic reasoning, project management

Transitional Regulations

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Groupwork

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

Bachelor Business Engineering

Year 1 Compulsory Skills