

## Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title Scenario Analysis

Course Code SSP4014

ECTS Credits 1,0

Assessment Pass / Fail

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	1-9-2025	17-10-2025		X			

Level no level

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Language of instruction English

Goals After studying the SA skills course the students are able to:  
\* Apply some widely-used methods/tools of sustainability assessment;  
\* Discuss the strengths, weaknesses, and pitfalls of these methods/tools;  
\* Reflect on the contribution of the methods/tools to a sustainability assessment.

Description Sustainability Assessment (SA) can be defined as a structured process dealing with a sustainability issue, using knowledge from various scientific disciplines and/or stakeholders, such that integrated insights are made available to decision makers. Applying SA in practice requires specific skills. The aim of this skills course is that students learn to apply some widely-used methods/tools of SA, and become familiar with its rules of application, strengths, and pitfalls.

One of the core questions in sustainability science is "How can the future be scanned in a creative, rigorous and policy-relevant manner that reflects the normative character of sustainability and incorporates different perspectives?" (Swart et al 2004). This course offers insight and practical exercise in key foresight approaches such as trend analyses and scenario development.

Literature

Prerequisites Exchange students should refer to the International Relations Office via email in case they would like to register for this course: iro-incoming-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Only limited spots available, first-come first-serve principle.

Keywords

Transitional Regulations

Teaching methods

Assessment methods Attendance / Assignment

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 Sustainability Science, Policy and Society - Business for Sustainability	Compulsory Skills
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