

Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title Build Your Own Dynamic Website
 Course Code EBS2040
 ECTS Credits 4,0
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4-1-2027	22-1-2027	C				

Level Introductory
 Coordinator Lex Borghans For more information:lex.borghans@maastrichtuniversity.nl
 Language of instruction English

Goals Learn and understand the basic working of dynamic websites
 Learn to program in PHP
 Learn the basic working of databases
 Apply all acquired knowledge to your personal dynamic website by means of a real life example (for instance a Cultural events calendar, an Online Bookstore or a Content Management System)

Description This course enables students to build dynamic database driven (e-commerce) web sites using the PHP programming language. The course is explicitly meant for students with limited or no programming experience and discusses basic programming building blocks needed to create interactive, dynamic websites. We do not address in depth discussions of for instance object oriented programming. PHP is an open source based programming language widely used on the Internet for both commercial and non-commercial websites such as Facebook. This course gives an introduction in programming with PHP in combination with some simple database techniques in order to be able to understand the working of dynamic websites. In the first week we will discuss step by step the features and main building blocks of PHP whereas in the second week a real life project will be implemented such as an online book store or an online cultural event calendar.

Literature Syllabus / Book / Online material

Prerequisites Basic computer skills are required, knowledge of HTML is a pre. Since the course is taught as distance education, an internet connection is an absolute requirement, as well as a working VPN connection to the university network in case you decide to work from outside the university network (e.g. at home). All information and content will be made available via the course web portal: <http://php.infonomics.nl> (accessible from within university network or VPN).
 Based on experiences from previous years, students with limited knowledge of HTML need 35 - 40 hours per week to complete the course successfully.
 We do not provide a resit for this skills training.

Transitional Regulations

Teaching methods Assignment / Groupwork

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

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