

Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title Econometric Methods I
 Course Code EBC2111
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	12-4-2027	4-6-2027	L		X		X

Level Advanced
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Language of instruction English

Goals Students will have a good knowledge of econometric methods. They will have the skills to apply these methods to a set of economic data.

Description This course is part of the programme for second-year econometrics students. The challenge of econometrics is to answer the question, what everyday reality has to tell about economic theories. Here, everyday reality takes the form of numerical observations or 'data', while economic theories are translated into a formal statistical 'model' with corresponding hypotheses. In order to extract as much information as possible out of the former concerning the latter, an appeal is made to statistical induction. These are the 'econometric methods' that are the subject of this course. They comprise mainly the estimation of the model parameters, the testing of the model hypotheses, and making (conditional) predictions with the model. We will study the most frequently used statistical methods and techniques in the first place for the classical linear model, but we mainly focus of the matrix notations of usual linear estimators and test statistics (e.g., OLS, OLS, the t-tests, F-test). Those estimators will be implemented during the tutorial meetings using the software packages R and Eviews. Further some important assumptions will be relaxed and alternative estimators (GLS, SURE) will be investigated in the presence of autocorrelation and heteroskedasticity. This course also emphasize dynamic models and time series econometrics (ARMA, VAR, cointegration, unit root, VECM, ...). Applied works (R, Eviews) will be carried out during tutorial meetings. The course Econometrics Methods II in the programme for the third-year econometrics students, covers issues that we do not do in this course (IV, GMM, ML, ...).

Literature Greene, W. (2012), Econometric Analysis, 7th ed., Pearson.

Prerequisites * A first course in econometrics (see, e.g. Empirical Econometrics).
 * Exchange students should have advanced knowledge of: mathematical statistics, probability theory, matrix algebra, introduction to quantitative methods with an emphasis to the linear model
 * An advanced level of English.

Transitional Regulations

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor Fiscal Economics <p>In 2024-2025, 2025-2026, and 2026-2027 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.</p> <p>In 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered.</p> <p>From 2028-2029 onwards, the course is cancelled.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Academic Year</th> <th>Education</th> <th>Exam/Resit</th> <th>Replacement(s)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2024-2025 - 2026-2027</td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2027-2028</td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>2028-2029</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Academic Year	Education	Exam/Resit	Replacement(s)	2024-2025 - 2026-2027	X	X		2027-2028	X	X		2028-2029			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-master Human Decision Science [2021-2022 or earlier] <p>In 2022-2023 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered.</p> <p>Alternatively, students can take EBC2170 "(Business) Research Methods for Pre-master".</p> <p>From 2023-2024 onwards, the course is cancelled.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Academic Year</th> <th>Education</th> <th>Exam/Resit</th> <th>Replacement(s)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2022-2023</td> <td>X</td> <td>X</td> <td>EBC2170 "(Business) Research Methods for Pre-master"</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2023-2024</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Academic Year	Education	Exam/Resit	Replacement(s)	2022-2023	X	X	EBC2170 "(Business) Research Methods for Pre-master"	2023-2024							
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Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Participation / 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 Analytics	Year 3 Elective Courses
	Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Year 2 Compulsory Courses
	Bachelor Fiscal Economics	In transition - Year 3 Elective Courses
	SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses
	Pre-master Econometrics and Operational Research	Compulsory Courses
	Pre-master Economics	Compulsory Courses
	Pre-master Financial Economics	Compulsory Courses
	Pre-master Human Decision Science	Cancelled - Disciplinary Courses