Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	Social Entrepreneurship
Course Code	EBC2147
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026	X			X	

Level	Introductory/Intermediate
Coordinator	Abel Diaz Gonzalez For more information:abel.diazgonzalez@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	On the successful completion of this course you should be able to: 1.Critically reflect on social and environmental entrepreneurship theory and practice 2.Identify and evaluate social and environmental entrepreneurship opportunities 3.Develop a strategy for a social/environmental enterprise 4.Conduct primary research and analyse primary and secondary data in the field of social and environmental entrepreneurship 5.Prepare and present documentation to pitch a novel enterprise idea 6.Learn to cope with the chaos and complexity of doing social and environmental entrepreneurship in the real world
Description	Interest in the concept of social and environmental entrepreneurship has been sparked over the last two decades due to frustration with inefficient, ineffective and failed actions of government and philanthropic bodies, as well as the socially destructive behaviour of many businesses. An explicit and central social/environmental mission, innovation, creativity and strong market orientation are the distinguishing features of social and environmental entrepreneurship. Social and environmental entrepreneurs are committed to furthering a social and/or environmental mission, and rank social, environmental or cultural impact on a par with, or above, profit. At the intersection of business, government and not-for-profit organisations, these social and environmental entrepreneurs are now visible and having an impact on a global scale. This course will provide you with the opportunity to learn how you can apply your knowledge and skills to address complex social and environmental problems. This course is structured around experiential problem-based learning, providing you with the opportunity to synthesise theory and practice as you develop an idea for your own social and environmental enterprises. Topics will include: critically reviewing concepts; user centred-design of social and environmental enterprises; frameworks for understanding and strategizing; understanding and reporting social and environmental impact; and cross-sector collaboration.
Literature	Papers from scholarly journals, case studies, podcasts, and videos will be indicated in the course syllabus. Each tutorial session, workshop and other lecture have dedicated materials to be prepared beforehand.
Prerequisites	This course is part of the Entrepreneurship Minor. The courses of the Entrepreneurship Minor (see also http://maastrichtentrepreneurship.nl/minor.html) draw on the scholarly and practical entrepreneurship literature. They do NOT expect that you have already developed an understanding of the functional domains of business administration or small business management (e.g. strategy, marketing, accounting, HRM, finance, operations). We encourage you to take the two introductory courses of the minor (EBC2171, EBC2172) BEFORE taking the other courses of the Minor. As this minor is delivered in English, your command of the English language in speech and writing should be good enough to actively prepare for, participate in, and contribute inside and outside of class.
Transitional Regulations	<ul class="trcohorts"> - Bachelor International Business - Major Accounting [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Finance [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Information Management [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Marketing [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Organisation [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Strategy [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business - Major Supply Chain Management [2024-2025 or earlier] - From 2025-2026 onwards, education and exam/resit opportunities are offered. Alternative options may be available. See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information. <table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2025-2026 onwards</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information</td></tr></tbody></table>
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork / Research / Coaching
Assessment methods	Attendance / Participation / Portfolio / 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 International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Courses
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Accounting - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Finance - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Inf Mgmt - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Marketing - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Org - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj SCM - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Strategy - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Core Courses - Maj Entrepreneurship
UM-wide minors	Minor Entrepreneurship
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Minor Entrepreneurship
Pre-master International Business specialisation Entrepreneurship and Business Development	Compulsory Courses