# Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

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

Period

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 1 | 31-8-2026 | 16-10-2026 | C | | | | |
| 2 | 26-10-2026 | 11-12-2026 | C | | | | |

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| Level | Introductory/Intermediate |
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| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | * Presenting arguments in a logical way and formulate conclusions.<br>* Developing a solution to a case study problem in a team setting.<br>* Presenting scientific results (both oral and written) to an audience of academics and practitioners.<br>* Translating a problem into a manageable project.<br>* Developing an awareness of the range, scope and complexity of the phenomena, issues and problems related to project management.<br>* Offering an integrated perspective on managing complex projects (that can include organizational change).<br>* 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

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| Bachelor Business Engineering | Year 1 Compulsory Skills |