Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	Problem-based Learning and Academic Skills
Course Code	SSP1022
ECTS Credits	1,0
Assessment	Pass / Fail

Period

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

Level	Introductory
Coordinator	Annemarie van Zeijl-Rozema For more information:a.vanzeijl@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	* Students discuss team roles and team performance in group work * Students recognise their own and others' cultural standpoints * Students argue effectively and keep in mind rules on academic writing and debate * Students direct their learning process, in a Problem-Based Learning setting
Description	Problem-based Learning and Academic Skills is a skills course that complements a number of other courses offered in the Master Programme on Sustainability Science, Policy and Society. Although SSPS1022 is a "light" course, it plays a central role in the master's programme. Students of Sustainability Science, Policy and Society are expected to analytically formulate actionable solutions to the sustainability challenges of our time, and communicate these effectively to a wide audience. The writing skills sessions have been designed to support your critical evaluation of literature on Sustainable Development, and to prepare you for written assignments for instance in the course "Integrated sustainability project". The presentations skills sessions help you with your presentation in the skills course "Multi-criteria Analysis", and "Integrated sustainability project". Last but not least, Academic Skills and Competences is an essential preparation for the modules Thesis Research Proposal Seminar and Thesis Research and Writing and the master's thesis defense.
Literature	
Prerequisites	
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	<ul class="trcohorts"> - Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society - Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society - Business for Sustainability - Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society Policy for Sustainability - In 2025-2026 education and exam/resit opportunities are offered. - In 2026-2027 exam/resit opportunities are offered. - From 2027-2028 onwards, the course is cancelled. Note that from 2025-2026 onwards, SSP3041 "Academic Skills and Research Design" is offered as a replacement course. <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</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>SSP3041 "Academic Skills and Research Design"</td></tr><tr><td>2026-2027</td><td> </td><td>X</td><td>SSP3041 "Academic Skills and Research Design"</td></tr><tr><td>2027-2028 onwards</td><td> </td><td> </td><td>SSP3041 "Academic Skills and Research Design"</td></tr></tbody></table>
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork / Skills
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 in Transforming Societies - Business for Sustainability	In transition - Compulsory Skills
Master Sustainability Science in Transforming Societies - Policy for Sustainability	In transition - Compulsory Skills
Master Sustainability Science, Policy and Society	In transition - Compulsory Skills