Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	Project Sustainability
Course Code	EBP2002
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026	C				
3	11-1-2027	22-1-2027	C				

Level	Intermediate/Advanced
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Language of instruction	English
Goals	Intended learning outcomes of the course (ILOs) Students are able to... * ILO 1: Identify, understand, and apply either sustainability assessments or solutions based on targeting various units of analysis at different levels within social-environmental systems and the interactions between them; * ILO 2: Reflect on the suitability of sustainable interventions for analyzing different levels of systems; * ILO 3: deepen, integrate, and apply sustainability knowledge and understanding on a chosen topic of study; * ILO 4: critically reflect on the potential of interdisciplinary approaches to contribute to sustainability.
Description	In Project Sustainability (EBP2002), students apply the knowledge and skills they have gathered from previous courses of the Sustainability Minor to address an actual sustainability-related issue. By use of qualitative and/or quantitative approaches and indicators, students assess the problems and conditions related to the issue at hand. Students collaborate in small (interdisciplinary) groups to select and identify a topic of their choice. The course provides example issues, but also welcome students' ideas on actual issues associated with sustainability. Groups elaborate on the identified problem, design ways of addressing it and assess the results of doing so with sustainability indicator(s). The final product of the project is a report and a presentation that describes the solution or approach the students have designed. Typically, topics that students consider are focused on a specific level within a system (e.g., individual, organizational, community, city, regional, national, global), and require considering multiple system levels simultaneously. Consequently, applying systems, multilevel, and design thinking is a crucial part of Project Sustainability. As students will closely collaborate in this project, two core skills are developed: interdisciplinary teamwork and project management. Project Sustainability provides an opportunity to target actual sustainability issues, address them, and assess impact and conditions that lead to better sustainability conditions by students.
Literature	Reference list will be provided
Prerequisites	All preceding courses of the UM-wide minor Sustainability. Exchange students who wish to register for courses within the Minor Sustainability should contact the International Relations Office (IRO) via iro-incoming-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Incoming exchange students at SBE can choose to: * follow the complete Minor Sustainability programme; or * register for selected parts of the minor only. Full Minor Options Students can choose between the following options: * Full minor excluding the Project Sustainability course (25 ECTS) Students will be registered for all courses within the minor except the Project Sustainability course. * Full minor including the Project Sustainability course (30 ECTS) Students will be registered for all courses within the minor, including the Project Sustainability course. Partial Minor Options Students who only wish to follow specific parts of the minor can choose from the following options: <u>Period 1 package (12.5 ECTS)</u> Registration includes the following courses: * Sustainability and Social-Ecological Systems (EBC2187, 5 ECTS) * Sustainability and Human Health (EBC2188, 5 ECTS) * Systems Thinking Competency (EBS2074, 2.5 ECTS) <u>Period 2 stand-alone courses</u> * Social and Sustainable Entrepreneurship (EBC2189, 5 ECTS) * From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice (EBC2190, 5 ECTS) These courses may be taken independently, without registering for other courses within the minor. <u>Period 2 combined option (7.5 ECTS)</u> Students may register for the skills course: * Collaboration Competency: Exploring Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (EBS2075, 2.5 ECTS) only in combination with: * From Climate Conflict to Climate Justice (EBC2190, 5 ECTS) Together, these courses amount to 7.5 ECTS. Please note that exchange students have already received additional information about the Minor Sustainability and the available registration options in the course registration email. Students are advised to read this information carefully before applying.
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	
Teaching methods	Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork / Research / Skills / Coaching
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Attendance / Participation / 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		
	UM-wide minors	Minor Sustainability
	SBE Exchange Bachelor	Minor Sustainability
	SBE Exchange Master	Minor Sustainability
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Minor Sustainability