Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	Measuring and Reporting on Corporate Impacts
Course Code	SSP5041
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	1-2-2027	25-3-2027	X			X	

Level	no level
Coordinator	Clarence Bluntz For more information:c.bluntz@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	* Understand the sustainability reporting and sustainable finance ecosystems in the European context: their actors, tools, and interconnections * Critically assess how sustainable performance information is constructed: data sources, methodological choices, ideological assumptions * Critically assess how sustainable performance is communicated by companies, and how it is used by financial actors
Description	This course consists of a few lectures, guest lectures with sustainability reporting professionals (mandatory attendance) and tutorials (either traditional tutorials or presentations). The main objective of the course is to familiarise students with both the theory of measuring and reporting sustainability performance, and with sustainability reporting as a professional field. As SSPS graduates with a business focus tend to gravitate towards this field, it is important that you get acquainted with its main characteristics. The tutorials provide a good overview of how the course is organised, and what it intends to cover: * What does it mean to measure and report sustainability * The huge role and influence of finance on this measuring and reporting * EU norms on reporting (CSRD) * Focus on measuring and reporting carbon * Measuring and reporting at the product level * Measuring and reporting at the company level * Measuring and reporting at the production-consumption system level
Literature	Students who want to know more about the course can have a look at Dumas, C., & Louche, C. (2016). Collective Beliefs on Responsible Investment. Business & Society, 55(3), 427–457; and Gray, R. (2010). Is accounting for sustainability actually accounting for sustainability...and how would we know? An exploration of narratives of organisations and the planet. Accounting, Organizations and Society, 35(1), Article 1.
Prerequisites	Exchange students should refer to the International Relations Office via email in case they would like to register for this course: iro-incoming-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Only limited spots available, first-come first-serve principle.
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	
Teaching methods	Lecture / Groupwork / Coaching
Assessment methods	Written Exam / Portfolio
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	Compulsory Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses