

# Course Descriptions Master 2020-2021

Course Title International Business Research  
 Course Code EBC4073  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	31-8-2020	16-10-2020		X			X
4	1-2-2021	26-3-2021		X			X

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals IBR is a course on data analytics. IBR students will be acquainted with the relevancy of the scientific approach to business research and investigation. The course will discuss 1) the pillars of scientific research, including objectivity, reliability, testability, replicability, and external validity; 2) the deductive and inductive approaches to business research; 3) identifying an investigative problem and defining the research problem; and 4) the design of a theoretical framework and hypothesis development. Moreover, IBR student will be provided with a thorough training of working with, interpreting and testing data using the computer package SPSS®.

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 This course provides an introduction to key concepts and data analytic tools that are applicable in business environments. Our experience has taught us that when you start in our program as IBR student, in many cases you do not think of yourself as a mathematical master-mind. If that is so, then here is the good news: this course has been developed particularly for you because we realize that you and your fellow-students will constitute the larger part of the next generation of managers and executives. To become a good decision-maker it is important to learn how data can be analyzed and how appropriate data analysis can be performed and the outcomes of it interpreted correctly. Our goal is to make research relevant for you, because it is you who will be the heart and health of the organization you will own or work for and carry responsibility as future manager, executive, and decision maker.

Literature Business Research Methods and Statistics Using SPSS (2008)  
 Authors: Robert B. Burns and Richard A. Burns  
 SAGE Publications Ltd

Accompanying Website:  
<https://studysites.uk.sagepub.com/burns/description.htm>

Prerequisites TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC4073):  
 Only for students who started one of the following programmes/specialisations prior to academic year 2020/21:  
 \* Master Business Research - No specialisation (Note: only if you are taking "Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy" or "Strategy and Innovation" disciplinary courses!)  
 \* Master International Business - Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy  
 \* Master International Business - Strategy and Innovation  
 Education (last opportunity in 2020/21) + Exam/Resit (last opportunity in 2021/22)  
 NOTE: You may replace this course with EBC4263 if you are doing "Strategy and Innovation", or EBC4265 if you are doing "Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy".

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Attendance / Participation / Written Exam

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

Transitional Regulations See prerequisites