

# Course Descriptions Master 2020-2021

Course Title Writing a Master's Thesis Proposal: Learning and Development in Organisations  
Course Code EBS4005  
ECTS Credits 4,0  
Assessment Pass / Fail

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
S1	31-8-2020	22-1-2021	C				

Level Intermediate  
Coordinator Therese Grohnert For more information: [t.grohnert@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:t.grohnert@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

Language of instruction English

Goals Objectives  
The skills course is dedicated to the development of academic skills necessary to write a master thesis.

Didactical concept  
Workshops on the different subjects resulting in a master thesis proposal.

Assessment  
Formative assessment: feedback on the thesis proposal.  
Summative assessment: acceptance vs. rejection of research proposal by supervisor.

Link with qualifications  
Generic competencies  
-Scientific knowledge  
-Academic reasoning  
-Research skills

Description PLEASE NOTE THAT THE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) USED IN THIS COURSE IS WITH RESERVATION. THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HERE IS BASED ON THE COURSE SETUP PRIOR TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THE CRISIS, COURSE COORDINATORS MAY BE FORCED TO CHANGE THE TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT METHODS USED. THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE TEACHING/ASSESSMENT METHOD(S) WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE COURSE SYLLABUS.  
Content: Students start the master's project in a skills course dedicated to issues of conducting academic research in one of the relevant research fields. Attention is paid to methods of data gathering, data analysis, data evaluation, and research design. Writing a project proposal is another important ingredient in this course.

Literature On EleUM, students are provided with literature and materials that help them to write their master thesis (e.g. APA-guidelines, referencing software, examples of good articles and master theses etc.) and to analyse their data. Resources are categorized according to different research methods and methods of analysis. In each section, students find helpful materials such as (a) books and articles that explain how to run analyses, (b) demonstration videos and/or (c) sample articles on how to report your analyses.  
An overview of the resources can be found on EleUM under 'Skill MA Thesis: Management of Learning (EBS 4005)' ([www.eleum.unimaas.nl](http://www.eleum.unimaas.nl)).

Prerequisites

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper

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 Learning and Development in Organisations Thesis