

## Course Descriptions NonDegree 2020-2021

Course Title Research Strategy  
 Course Code EBC4125  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	12-4-2021	28-5-2021	X			X	

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals Students will learn to develop a research strategy to estimate causal relationships in economics. Students acquire an understanding of methods for identification and estimation as well as gain insights into practical issues that arise when developing a research strategy and working on a research proposal.

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. This course provides an overview of methodological and practical issues that arise in empirical economics when estimating causal relationships. The course focuses on identification and estimation methods. We review advantages and pitfalls of various identification strategies, and discuss data requirements and measurement problems associated with different research strategies. Since the aim is to sharpen students' intuition about the advantages and disadvantages of various research strategies in economics and to judge which methods are most appropriate in different contexts and circumstances, you have to present and discuss the vices and virtues of key papers, each of which relies on a particular research strategy.

Literature Several academic articles.

Prerequisites Methodological background at Research MSc level.

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment

Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation

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 Business Research - No specialisation	Year 2 Free Elective(s)
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Year 1 Elective Course(s)
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Year 2 Elective Course(s)
Master Economic and Financial Research - No specialisation	Year 1 Core Course(s)
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses