

## Course Descriptions NonDegree 2021-2022

Course Title Sustainable and Responsible Investments  
 Course Code EBC4212  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4		31-1-2022	25-3-2022	X		X		

Level Advanced  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals This course has three main goals.  
 1) Understand what motivates investors to participate in responsible investments.  
 2) Learn how to define and measure social and environmental impact of responsible investments and charities.  
 3) Learn how to develop a responsible investment product and position this in the market.

Description The course brings students up-to-date about the latest developments in sustainable finance. They learn about the latest academic insights as well as practical cases in cooperation with the sustainable finance industry. Students also get a basic understanding of sustainable investments that are explicitly intended to have positive sustainable-development impact in emerging markets, such as 'impact investments', 'microfinance', and 'effective altruism'. In small groups, they will develop their own sustainable investment product and present their case to experts in the industry.

Literature The course is taught by the use of a collection of top-ranked academic and high-impact practitioner-oriented articles, and cases that help students to confront theory with practice.

Prerequisites Students are expected to understand the key basic concepts in investment analysis and portfolio theory (such as CAPM, Modern Portfolio Theory, and investment performance evaluation). Analytical skills, statistics, and an advanced level of English are required.

Keywords  
 Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers

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 1 Disc - IB Sustainable Finance
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Year 1 Elective Course(s)
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Year 2 Elective Course(s)
Master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Sustainable Finance	Compulsory Course(s)
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