

Course Title	Statistics and Mathematics for Pre-master							
Course Code	EBC2185							
ECTS Credits	6,5							
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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Level	Premaster							
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Language of instruction	English							
Goals	Introduction to the matrix representation of (linear) systems of equations, and to the (constrained) maximization or minimization of (nonlinear) functions of more than 1 variable. Introduction to the basic tools of inferential statistics, such as the independent-samples t-test, the paired-sample t-test, one-way-ANOVA, the chi-square test and regression analysis.							
Description	<p>In the mathematics part, we will expand the analysis of functions and (systems of) equations. Issues that will be addressed are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* The matrix representation of systems of linear equations (so called linear algebra) will be introduced and supplemented by the concepts of determinants and inverse matrices, which are important tools to manipulate such systems.</li> <li>* The (constrained) maximisation or minimisation of (nonlinear) functions of more than 1 variable, using the Lagrange multiplier method.</li> <li>* Further topics include the chain rule, the slope of a level curve, homogeneous functions, and a collection of tools often used in finance but also in other fields (buzzwords: interest rates, present value, discounting, and geometric series).</li> </ul> <p>All these topics will be introduced and illustrated using economic or business applications, and functions that are often used in these fields (e.g. the Cobb-Douglas production function) will be analysed extensively.</p> <p>In the statistics part, we will expand the coverage of inferential statistics, i.e. how to draw conclusions about a population based on a sample. Students will learn to apply the basic tools of inferential statistics (confidence intervals and hypothesis tests) to examine a large array of questions that may occur in economics or business. We will focus on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* How to examine whether the mean of some quantitative variable (e.g. income) differs between two or more populations (e.g. men vs. women). Related to this, we will also examine what to do when the data are paired, and when the variable of interest is a proportion.</li> <li>* How to analyse relationships between qualitative variables (e.g. between brand preference and gender).</li> <li>* How to analyse relationships between two or more quantitative variables (e.g. between income and age) using regression analysis. This is one of the most frequently used statistical techniques in economics and business.</li> </ul> <p>All these issues will involve the use of real-life data, which will be analysed using EXCEL.</p>							
Literature	<p>* Sharpe, Noreen R., Richard D. De Veaux and Paul F. Velleman (2019), Business Statistics and Extra Texts, 4th ed., New York: Pearson Education International, Maastricht University Edition.</p> <p>* QM1 and QM2 Mathematics Readers, to be downloaded on the course pages</p>							
Prerequisites	<p>TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS:</p> <p>This course is in transition within the pre-master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets</p> <p>The following rule applies to pre-master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets students who started the programme prior to academic year 2023-2024.</p> <p>TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC2185):</p> <p>Repeat the course or replace it with Academic Skills and Competences for Pre-master (EBC2169).</p> <p>See the Transitional Regulations section in the Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations for more information.</p>							
Keywords								
Teaching methods	PBL / Lecture / Assignment							
Assessment methods	Attendance / Written Exam							
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click <a href="http://iwiio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM">http://iwiio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM</a>							
This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation	Pre-master Economics			Compulsory Course(s)				
	Pre-master Financial Economics			Compulsory Course(s)				
	Pre-master Human Decision Science			Compulsory Course(s)				
	Transitional Regulations			See prerequisites				