

Course Descriptions Master 2023-2024

Course Title Mathematical Finance
 Course Code EBC4121
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	30-10-2023	15-12-2023		X			X

Level Advanced
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 Language of instruction English

Goals The principal aim of this course is to provide students with an appreciation and understanding of how the application of mathematics, particularly stochastic mathematics, to the field of finance may be used to illuminate this field and model its randomness, resulting in greater understanding and quantification of investment returns and security prices.

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Literature Joshi, M (2008) The Concepts and Practice of Mathematical Finance, 2nd ed, Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-0-521-51408-8

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Teaching methods Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Assignment

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 Econometrics and Operations Research	Elective Course(s)
	SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses