

# Course Descriptions Exchange 2023-2024

Course Title	Case Studies of Sustainability Problems							
Course Code	EBC4272							
ECTS Credits	6,5							
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	4	5-2-2024	28-3-2024		X			X
Level	Intermediate/Advanced							
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Language of instruction	English							
Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Identify similarities and differences across countries in terms of threats to resilience and sustainability</li><li>* Combine economic theory and empirical methods to develop public policy advice about climate change, financial stability and public health</li><li>* Explicate moral trade-offs involved in managing climate change, financial stability and public health</li><li>* Apply data skills to assess and develop policies in the areas of climate change, financial stability and public health</li><li>* Critically evaluate theories and policies in light of the local context and practical limitations</li></ul>							
Description	In this course, we focus on three extremely important real-world cases pertaining to the causes and consequences of problems of sustainability and resilience: i) climate change and natural hazards, ii) management of the global commons and iii) financial system fragility. In the first part of the course, each of the three cases is introduced using external experts as well as relevant literature. In the second part, students will work in teams on a research project in one of these areas. Depending on the project, they need to choose the appropriate empirical strategy and methods for the analysis.							
Literature	Academic articles and policy reports							
Prerequisites	Exchange students need to have obtained a Bachelor degree in Economics. Students are expected to understand the key basic concepts from microeconomics and data analysis, as is taught in typical bachelor in economics programs. Analytical skills, understanding of excel, and an advanced level of English are required.							
Keywords								
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork / Research							
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Assignment / Presentation							
Evaluation in previous academic year	For the complete evaluation of this course please click <a href="http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM">http://iwio-sbe.maastrichtuniversity.nl/rapporten.asp?referrer=codeUM</a>							
This course belongs to the following programme / specialisation	Master Economics - Inequality and Social Inclusion				Elective Course(s)			
	Master Economics - Sustainable and Resilient Economies				Core Course(s)			
	Master Economics - Technology, Markets, and Societal Change				Elective Course(s)			
	Master Economics and Strategy in Emerging Markets				Elective Course(s)			
	Master Human Decision Science				Elective Course(s)			
	SBE Exchange Master				Master Exchange Courses			