

# Course Descriptions Exchange 2023-2024

Course Title Basic Modelling  
 Course Code SSP4013  
 ECTS Credits 1,0  
 Assessment Pass / Fail

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1		4-9-2023	20-10-2023			X		

Level no level  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals After studying the SA skills course the students are able to:  
 \* Apply some widely-used methods/tools of sustainability assessment;  
 \* Discuss the strengths, weaknesses, and pitfalls of these methods/tools;  
 \* Reflect on the contribution of the methods/tools to a sustainability assessment.

Description Sustainability Assessment (SA) can be defined as a structured process dealing with a sustainability issue, using knowledge from various scientific disciplines and/or stakeholders, such that integrated insights are made available to decision makers. Applying SA in practice requires specific skills. The aim of this skills course is that students learn to apply some widely-used methods/tools of SA, and become familiar with its rules of application, strengths, and pitfalls.

A multitude of complex modelling approaches is currently used to assist in solving societal problems. After a general introduction to Integrated Assessment (IA) models, students are introduced to qualitative system dynamics modelling applied to a sustainability case. Students will practice using quantitative models as well. In this way the students develop an insight into the basic components, mechanisms, limitations and assumptions of which several contemporary IA models consist. The systems analysis and problem structuring skills that are required to be able to build models are useful skills to implement in other IA methods as well.

Literature  
 Prerequisites Exchange students should refer to the International Relations Office via email in case they would like to register for this course: iro-incoming-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Only limited spots available, first-come first-serve principle.

Keywords

Teaching methods

Assessment methods

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

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