

## Course Descriptions Bachelor 2013-2014

Course Title International Business History  
 Course Code EBC2069  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment None

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2		28-10-2013	20-12-2013		X			X

Level Intermediate  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals Appreciate the role of management in the development of organisational capabilities and in the long-term competitiveness of firms  
 - Learn about the importance of institutional differences between countries and industrial sectors  
 - Distil the essential lessons from fairly extensive readings, and present these to an audience  
 - Present coherent arguments in writing about the historical and institutional factors influencing business and economic growth

Description The course concentrates on the study of patterns of industrial growth and competition in the three main centres of the international arena, i.e. the United States, Germany and Great Britain. It focuses on the historical development of major corporations in each of these countries, concentrating on the period between 1870 and 1940. These firms continue to form a large proportion of the Fortune Global 500 group of multinationals, and studying their historical origins allows us to explore both the internal drivers of corporate performance as well as the important differences in the external institutional context of these three economies. We can learn from this how international differences now have their roots in the past.

Literature Alfred D. Chandler jr., 1990, Scale and Scope: The dynamics of industrial capitalism, Harvard/Belknap Reader containing additional articles

Prerequisites This is a reading course for literate students with an excellent command of the English language in reading, writing, and conversation.

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Written Exam

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

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics and Management of Information	Free Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Major Strategy
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Economic Studies	IBE Electives
Bachelor International Business	Business Electives
Bachelor International Business	Major Strategy
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses