

## Course Descriptions Master 2013-2014

Course Title Managers @ Work  
 Course Code EBC4045  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment None

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	14-4-2014	6-6-2014	X/E			X/E	

Level Advanced  
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 Language of instruction English

Goals 1) stimulate critical reflection on assumptions regarding management in organisational theories and research studies as well as in professional publications; 2) familiarize students with settings in which managers operate, their actual roles and activities; 3) enhance awareness of the applicability of theory and advice in management practice, particularly with regard to organisational change.

Description Much of what is written about managers differs dramatically from the reality of everyday managerial work. Although academic research has tried to shed light on what managers do and what makes them effective, managerial work is often poorly understood and it is difficult to develop images of it that make sense to students who get involved with managers or who may become a manager themselves. The course provides ample opportunity for exploring the context of management and the work of managers by raising relevant questions like: What is the actual contribution of management and what does the manager's job in reality look like? How do managers actually perform? Which challenges do managers have to meet during their career? How do they develop their skills and competences? Do they fully understand their business models, including the ins and outs of strategy and of long term sustainability? Are they willing and capable to turn their businesses around? Do managers practice corporate citizenship, set examples and do they live up to the impact of diversity and the claim for integrity?  
 Academic research, professional literature and relevant news analysis will be confronted with evidence on managerial experience and practice in real life settings. While the focus of this course is on managerial practice, it requires students to exercise critical judgment in many forms. Academic articles must be scrutinized for their underlying assumptions and the limitations of their methods of gathering and analysing data. Professional and popular publications need to be critically examined with regard to the evidence behind their claims. All sources will have to be examined for the authors' (implicit) purpose and the use of rhetoric. In a final paper or through a so-called e-documentary, based on studying the literature, an interview with at least one manager and the discussions in groups, students are required to demonstrate their insight into the relevance of management and the complexity of the work of managers. Next to that students are explicitly invited to give feedback on the course referring to their personal learning outcomes.

Note: assessment methods:  
 Final paper or e-documentary and FULL participation will be part of the final grade!

Literature The leading, compulsory reference book is:  
 Henry Mintzberg, Managing, (FT Prentice Hall) 2011.  
 Next to that two articles will be prescribed to read, prepare and discuss per session.

Prerequisites Courses and workload are very demanding for all IB Master courses. Participants should have a bachelor degree with a major in Business or Economics. This also applies to exchange students. Exchange students need to major in organisation in their Master.  
 An advanced level of English

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Attendance / Participation

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 Business Research	IB Electives
	Master Business Research Track OR	IB Electives
	Master Human Decision Science	Electives
	Master International Business Track Accountancy	Electives
	Master International Business Track Controlling	Electives
	Master International Business Track Entrepreneurship	Electives
	Master International Business Track Finance	Electives
	Master International Business Track Organisation	Electives
	Master International Business Track Organisation	Organisation
	Master International Business Track Strategy and Innovation	Electives
	SBE Exchange Master	Master Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses