

## Course Descriptions Master 2014-2015

Course Title	Internet Economics																
Course Code	EBC4083																
ECTS Credits	6,5																
Assessment	None																
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Level	Advanced																
Coordinator	Giacomo Valletta For more information:g.valletta@maastrichtuniversity.nl																
Language of instruction	English																
Goals	Internet Economics introduces the economics of network industries and explores issues arising in real-life Internet and technology-based cases.																
Description	<p>The aim of this course is twofold. First, the course provides a general foundation of the network-economic theory that forms much of the basis for the economic analysis of information technologies in general and the Internet in particular. Second, the course reviews several real-life cases and discusses the relevant economic aspects of these cases. Course topics include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1)The hardware and the software industries</li> <li>2)The creation of industry standards and technological adoption</li> <li>3)Information goods and intellectual property</li> <li>4)The allocation of wireless telecommunications spectrum</li> <li>5)Pricing strategies on the internet</li> </ol>																
Literature	Shy, O. (2001), The Economics of Network Industries, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge. Additionally some papers are contained in the course literature.																
Prerequisites	<p>This course starts from the fundamentals of microeconomics that have been handed to you earlier in your studies in the first and second year Microeconomics courses. That is, it presumes a working knowledge of microeconomic theory.</p> <p>Exchange students need to major in economics. an advanced level of English</p>																
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Assignment																
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Participation / Written Exam																
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>																
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