

Course Descriptions Exchange 2014-2015

Course Title Mobilizing resources for entrepreneurial start-up and growth

Course Code EBC2146

ECTS Credits 6,5

Assessment None

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	1-9-2014	24-10-2014				X		X

Level Intermediate

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Language of instruction English

Goals Whereas the "Birthing new ventures" course deepens your understanding of the pre-launch stage in the entrepreneurial process, this course aims to highlight the importance of putting entrepreneurship in context in that we go beyond the intersection of the entrepreneur and his/her opportunity. Specifically, this course aims to provide you insight into how to launch and grow a high-impact venture from a resource-based perspective. In other words, after having taken this course you should understand which resources are crucial to venture success, how to gather them, what elements to take into account when mobilizing resources as well as how you can get things done without resources.

Description The societal impact of enterprising individuals cannot be contested. They found companies that challenge (and often replace) incumbents and they have an important role in introducing innovative products and services to new or established markets. However, entrepreneurs never operate in isolation; many entrepreneurs cofound their venture with others and establish partnerships to gather the resources necessary for launching and growing their ventures. 121105

We start the Resource mobilization course with exploring the two most essential resources for launching and growing a venture: human and financial. In so doing, you will explore how to put together an entrepreneurial team, examine team dynamics as well as how to recruit the best employees. You will review different types of financial resources available to entrepreneurs as well as how to select the best one for a specific type of venture. Based on this, you will also examine the role of business planning as part of a venture's resource mobilization strategy. This course will explore the concept of bootstrapping or how to get things done when you do not have the required resources. In all of the above, attention will be paid to how a venture's resource mobilization strategy is not a static concept, but is one that changes dynamically over the lifecycle of a venture.

Literature - e-Reader with papers
- Set of teaching cases (sold by MC4E)
- Each student is to select and read a biography of an entrepreneurial venture/entrepreneur

Prerequisites The courses of the Entrepreneurship minor (see also <http://maastrichtentrepreneurship.nl/minor.html>) draw on the scholarly entrepreneurship literature. They do NOT expect that you have already developed an understanding of the functional domains of business administration or small business management (e.g. strategy, marketing, accounting, HRM, finance, operations). We encourage you to take the two introductory courses of the minor (Birthing new ventures and Mobilising resources [EBC2145; EBC2146]) BEFORE taking the other courses of the Minor. As this minor is delivered in English, your command of the English language in speech and writing should be good enough to actively prepare for, participate in, and contribute to the classes.

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment / Papers

Assessment methods Final Paper / Attendance / Participation / 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

InterFaculty Minors	Minor Entrepreneurship
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SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
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