

Course Title	International Competition Policy																
Course Code	EBC2093																
ECTS Credits	6,5																
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades																
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Level	Intermediate																
Coordinator	Peter Werner For more information:p.werner@maastrichtuniversity.nl																
Language of instruction	English																
Goals	The course is an introduction into the objectives and implementations of Competition Policy. Students will be introduced to antitrust institutions all over the world with some emphasise on the European Union, its member states, and the US. Participants will learn how to evaluate the goals and their legal implementation from an economic point of view. Such an (empirical and theoretical) economic analysis enables participants to criticize existing Competition Law and to suggest improvements. These findings will be applied to landmark antitrust cases and ongoing controversies among competition policy scholars.																
Description	The course starts with an overview of international antitrust institutions, thereby covering the major systems of competition policy in the EU and the US, as well as suggested or recently implemented frameworks in developing countries and transition economies. We will continue with a theoretical and empirical identification of market power – a necessary condition for any anticompetitive practice. The following sessions will provide an economic analysis of the major fields of competition policy such as the fight against collusion, merger regulation, and the abuse of a dominant position. For each field we will apply modern theories of strategic firm behaviour to explain when and why firms indeed act in an anticompetitive way. These insights are then utilized to develop guidelines for antitrust authorities. Finally, these recommendations are taken as a benchmark for an evaluation of existing antitrust policy schemes. The course will make excessive use of case studies to illustrate and test the policy recommendations.																
Literature	Motta, Competition Policy, Cambridge University Press. Case Descriptions, Documentations of Legal Frameworks, and Research Papers.																
Prerequisites	Courses 1.2 and 2.1 in microeconomics. Knowledge and understanding of microeconomics (level comparable to: course Microeconomics). Exchange students need a major in economics. an advanced level of English																
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation																
Assessment methods	Final Paper / Participation / Assignment / Presentation																
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 - Economics	Year 3 Economics Elective(s)															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Micro															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Finance															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Marketing															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Org															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj SCM															
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Strategy															
	Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Year 3 Elective Course(s)															
	SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses															
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