

# Course Descriptions Exchange 2021-2022

Course Title International Business History  
 Course Code EBC2069  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	25-10-2021	10-12-2021		X			X

Level Intermediate

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Language of instruction English

Goals The course has two learning goals both linked to intellectual leadership, the ability to lead in interpreting situations, seeing opportunities where others don't even look, and thinking through possible pathways towards jointly beneficial futures. These two goals are:  
 - study historical evolution in terms of human and organisational actors responding to opportunities in their environment in ways that pioneered entirely new industries and forms of business.  
 - Writing an essay that demonstrates that the student has ideas and is able to communicate these in a persuasive way.

Description We study a path-breaking historical development in one or more leading industrial capitalist nations during the second industrial revolution. We zoom in on business activities and their outcomes, and we zoom out to the historical and national context in which these events have taken place. Looking back at history can be concretely informative since much what exists now has its roots in the past. But studying history is also a way of developing creative notions about how humans interact with their business environment in a situation of pervasive uncertainty. This can broaden our mental scope in dealing with our own uncertain world. This may well be the most important learning to develop in our course.

Literature Book and / or selected articles about business history with emphasis on the second industrial revolution.

Prerequisites - This is a reading course for literate students with an excellent command of the English language in reading, writing, and conversation. I have to say that the reading load is quite considerable.  
 - Attendance in the first two meetings of the course is mandatory. You get introduced to tutor, fellow students, and the educational approach. Failure to attend both meetings implies course failure.

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Attendance / Participation / 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 International Business Economics Elective(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 2+3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Macro
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Micro
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Strategy
Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Accounting
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Finance
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Marketing
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Org
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj SCM
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Strategy
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses