Course Descriptions None 2014-2015

Course Title	International Financial Management
Course Code	EBC2070
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	None

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	2-2-2015	3-4-2015		X			X

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Stefanie Kleimeier, Thomas Post For more information:s.kleimeier@maastrichtuniversity.nl; t.post@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The objective of the course is to introduce students to the fundamentals of international finance, international asset allocation and international financial management.
Description	This course deals with financial challenges you will encounter when you operate across borders, in one way or another. Whether it is the currency risk you encounter when exporting your products abroad, the decision you face to perhaps start producing a broad, or the components that you import from abroad: if you are entrepreneurial, you need a minimum knowledge of international financial management in order to adequately manage risks, and to perceive financial opportunities. In the course, we try – as much as possible – to take the view of the entrepreneur. And we want you, the students, to take that same view. Of course, as with any area of expertise, you have to acquire a basic set of tools. But the course is about much more than just a set of tools. There is a strategic element to international financial management. For example, the same currency risk that you run by exporting abroad, can be hedged in many ways: you can buy currency futures or options, but you can also decide to produce in the country to which you export, thereby providing yourself with a so-called natural hedge. As you will see, the optimal decision requires you to correctly assess the risks involved in each scenario, as well as the extent to which you can hedge these risks, and the cost at which you do so. However, as is often the case when we talk about risk in finance, there is also such a thing as a risk preference. You, the entrepreneur, need to know about international financial management as much as you need to know your own risk appetite. The course prerequisites are limited (basic finance course and basic economics course) and thus this course is very well suited for exchange students.
Literature	Butler, K. C., 2012, Multinational Finance, 5th Edition, Wiley
Prerequisites	Basic courses in finance, economics and statistics. Exchange students should have followed a basic finance course and basic economics course. An advanced level of English
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment
Assessment methods	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

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics	IBE Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation Economics and Management of Information	Free Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Major Finance
Bachelor International Business	Business Electives
Bachelor International Business	Major Finance
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses