

Course Descriptions None 2014-2015

Course Title International Competition Policy
 Course Code EBC2093
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment None

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

Level Intermediate
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 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 emphasis 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

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	Economics Electives
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Economics Electives
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics Specialisation International Business Economics	Major Microeconomics
	Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Business & Economics Electives
	SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses