Course Descriptions None 2017-2018

Course Title	International Competitive Analysis and Strategy
Course Code	EBC4044
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	4-9-2017	27-10-2017	X/E			X/E	

Level	Advanced
Coordinator	Iwan Bos For more information:i.bos@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The objectives of the course are: 1.To develop understanding of the economic principles underlying industry structure and strategy. 2.To develop skills in analysing the drivers of the competitive environment and in identifying sound corporate strategies. 3.To develop the ability to apply theory to real world cases and to find solutions to real world cases in theory. 4.To develop skills in searching for, and making good use of, information and data on firms and industries and carry out basic research. 5.To develop teamwork and presentation skills.
Description	This course explores the overlapping areas of industrial economics and strategic management. Its focus is on the external environment of the firm and how this environment is affected by strategic decision making of companies. The course is designed to provide students with an understanding of the economic principles underlying strategy formulation. Based on an analysis of the factors shaping the industry, firms assess their positioning relative to their rivals and formulate strategies in order to achieve a sustainable competitive advantage. In choosing between strategies, firms have to take into account the possible reactions of rivals to their strategic decisions. The course provides students with the tools to analyse the positioning and performance of firms in different industry environments. These tools mainly rely on economic theories (e.g., theories of supply and demand, theories of industrial organisation, basic concepts of game theory). The course covers various topics in strategy formulation, such as product positioning and differentiation, vertical integration, pricing and strategic commitment. By combining theory and cases, the course focuses on strategy formulation by multinational firms.
Literature	Textbook + Articles
Prerequisites	Basic knowledge of microeconomics. Exchange students need to have obtained a bachelor's degree with a major in business and need to major in strategy in their master.
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork
Assessment methods	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

Master Business Research	IB Electives
Master Business Research Track OR	IB Electives
Master Human Decision Science	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Accountancy	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Controlling	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Entrepreneurship and SME Management	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Strategic Corporate Finance	Electives
Master International Business Specialisation Strategy and Innovation	Compulsory Courses
Master International Business Specialisation Sustainable Finance	Electives
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses