# Course Descriptions None 2018-2019

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| Course Title | International Economic Relations |
| Course Code | EBC1031 |
| ECTS Credits | 6,5 |
| Assessment | None |

Period

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| Level | Introductory |
| Coordinator | Karsten Mau For more information:k.mau@maastrichtuniversity.nl |
| Language of instruction | English |
| Goals | - Learn how to analyse international trade, capital flows and exchange rates<br>- Learn how to interpret and understand various types of economic policy in an international context<br>- Understand current discussions about developments in international relations including the current economic crisis. |
| Description | International economic integration has grown tremendously over the past decades. Partly due to deregulation and liberalisation of markets, international trade and capital flows are booming. The world is indeed becoming a global village. In theory, free movement of labour, goods and capital should benefit each and every country. However, not all countries benefit equally. Some like the anti-globalist groups even contend that the industrialized world continues to exploit the developing world, leading to a widening of the gap between countries. In this course, we critically analyse the theoretical fundamentals of both the financial-monetary and real aspects of the international economy. On the monetary side, exchange rate determination, the role of international financial markets and the choice of exchange rate regime are the focus. On the real side, international competitiveness, the gains from trade and factor move inputs are central. We use the theoretical insights to discuss extensively important problems, like trade policy and the distribution of wealth across nations. Obviously, international organisations and institutions like the IMF, World Bank and WTO play an important role in our critical discussions.<br><br>Overall, the course will focus on the following topics:<br>- international trade,<br>- exchange rates,<br>- macroeconomic policy,<br>- globalisation. |
| Literature | Feenstra, R.C and A.M. Taylor, International Economics, 4th edition, Worth Publishers. |
| Prerequisites | Exchange students should have a basic knowledge of micro and macroeconomics<br>an advanced level of English |
| Teaching methods | PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork |
| Assessment methods | Final Paper / 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

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| Bachelor Fiscal Economics | Year 1 Compulsory Courses |