

## Course Descriptions None 2018-2019

Course Title Retailing and the Supply Chain  
 Course Code EBC4014  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

| Period | Start      | End        | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 2      | 29-10-2018 | 21-12-2018 |     | X   |     |     | X   |

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals Retailers take up an extremely important position in the supply chain as they are the final business that links manufacturers to end-consumers. Retailing is where supply meets consumers' needs, wants and whims in the most literal way. Therefore, dealing with retailing as just another link in the supply chain is an oversimplification. This course addresses strategic and operations decisions with which retailers are confronted. Students will train their managerial and quantitative skills necessary to optimize these decisions. Throughout the course, we go beyond a sterile conceptualisation of demand and discuss in detail how a retailer's decisions affect the end-consumer. Although most of the studied principles have wide applicability, our primary focus is on food and general merchandise retailers.

Description Roughly, the course is split up in two main parts: 'Strategic Decisions' and 'Operations Decisions'. The first part addresses decisions with a long-term impact on the retailer's success whereas the second part deals with the more tactical operations activities. In the part on strategic decisions, we study, in particular, multichannel retailing and store location decisions. In the part on operations decisions, we cover, assortment and inventory decisions, shelf space management, and finally price setting and price promotion.

Literature Reader

Prerequisites Courses and workload are demanding for all IB Master courses. Exchange students need to have obtained a bachelor degree with a major in Business. This course can be considered as an advanced course in terms of literature. Knowledge of statistical concepts (such as mean, variance, covariance, but also regression analysis) and experience with Excel are required. Experience with some statistical package (e.g., SPSS) may come in useful too.

An advanced level of English

Teaching methods Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / 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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| Master Business Research   | IB Electives            |
| Master Business Research - Operations Research                                   | IB Electives            |
| Master International Business - Accountancy                                      | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Controlling                                      | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Entrepreneurship and SME Management              | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Strategic Corporate Finance                      | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Strategy and Innovation                          | Electives               |
| Master International Business - Supply Chain Management                          | Compulsory Courses      |
| Master International Business - Sustainable Finance                              | Electives               |
| SBE Exchange Master  | Master Exchange Courses |
| SBE Non Degree Courses   | Master Courses          |