Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

Course Title	Fraud and Crime in the Firm
Course Code	EBS2057
ECTS Credits	4,0
Assessment	Pass / Fail

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
6	23-6-2025	6-7-2025	C				

Level	Intermediate
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Language of instruction	English
Goals	Understanding of how fraud and crime can threat the performance of a firm. - Understanding of the mechanisms generating fraud and crime and possibilities for firms to reduce the potential negative consequences.
Description	While most entrepreneurs are searching for innovative solutions to improve firm performance and managers attempt to organize processes in the firm to optimize this performance, there is always the threat that others misuse the opportunities provided by the firm in an illegal way. These problems can be caused by both insiders (e.g. employees) and outsiders (e.g. customers). In practice, the legal system does not fully protect firms against this threat, and leaves protection partly to their own responsibility. Additional measures by firms are required for which there is always a trade-off between the costs of these measures and the potential costs of fraud and crime. This skills training develops an understanding of why and how the practices of a firm could provide incentives for criminal behavior and what firms can do to reduce these problems. Based on cases, problems of crime and fraud will be discussed and students (in teams) work on an actual strategy to maximize profits for a specific firm. Thereby, students have to optimize the trade-off between additional costs and benefits due to preventive measures to reduce fraud and crime.
Literature	Academic articles
Prerequisites	This course is in transition for the bachelor Fiscal Economics. See the Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations for more information. The following rule applies to bachelor Fiscal Economics students. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBS2057): The bachelor Fiscal Economics has been discontinued. There will be repeat education for year 1 and year 2 courses up to and including academic year 2025-2026 and exam-only up to and including academic year 2026-2027. For year 3 courses there will be repeat education up to and including 2026-2027 and exam-only up to and including academic year 2027-2028. Whether a course is in transition, cancelled, or replaced may depend on the cohort you are in. Sometimes there are additional criteria. It is therefore very important to carefully read the EER and any addendum so you can apply the rules to your individual situation. PREREQUISITES: An advanced level of English.
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork
Assessment methods	Attendance / Assignment / Presentation
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 - Economics	Year 2 Elective Skill(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 2 Elective Skill(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 2 Elective Skill(s)
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	Transitional Regulation
Bachelor International Business	Year 2 Elective Skill(s)
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Skills
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Skills
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Skills