Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

Course Title	Consumer Behaviour
Course Code	EBC2041
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	3-2-2025	30-3-2025		X			X

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Kelly Geyskens For more information:k.geyskens@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	Consumer Behaviour aims at providing students with a better understanding of basic consumer buying behaviour in order to be able to describe, explain, and predict how consumers will behave under various marketing conditions and actions.
Description	Consumers and their needs are at the core of marketing. The past decades have witnessed a shift from a mere sales- and product-oriented approach (whereby marketing was a matter of pushing already existing product lines and creating awareness for those products) to a consumer-oriented approach (whereby products fit identified needs of well-delineated consumer segments, i.e. products need to be 'positioned'). In order to be able to anticipate today's rapid changes in consumers' motives and needs, a decent understanding of the underlying mechanisms is a sine qua non. The objective of this course is to introduce the student to the principles of consumer behaviour. We start from formal theories and concepts and discuss their usefulness in developing effective marketing strategies. Most sessions will be organised around the consumer's purchase decision process, consisting of Need Arousal, Information Search and Processing, Brand Evaluation and Attitude Development, Purchase, Consumption and Postpurchase Evaluation. Other sessions address specific consumer-specific or environmental variables that affect this decision process.
Literature	Consumer behavior textbook. Academic articles.
Prerequisites	This course has been cancelled for the pre-master International Business specialisation Strategic Marketing. See the Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations for more information. The following rule applies to pre-master International Business specialisation Strategic Marketing students who started the programme prior to academic year 2023-2024. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC2041): Students who have not been able to successfully complete "Consumer Behaviour" (EBC2041) before 2024-2025, do not comply with the requirement to successfully complete the pre-master in two academic years. Therefore, no additional examination options will be available.
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

Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics	Year 3 Business Elective(s
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 2+3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Macro
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Micro
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Marketing
Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Course(s)
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Accounting
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Finance
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Org
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj SCM
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Business Elec(s) - Maj Strategy
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Marketing
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses
Pre-master International Business specialisation Strategic Marketing	Cancelled