Course Descriptions None 2024-2025

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
2	28-10-2024	15-12-2024	X			X	

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	This course is in transition for the master Business Research. See the Master Education and Examination Regulations for more information. The following rule applies to master Business Research students who started the programme prior to academic year 2024-2025. TRANSITIONAL REGULATION (EBC4044): The master Business Research has been discontinued. Courses of the Business Research master's programme will continue to be offered until and including academic year 2025-2026 with exam opportunities running until and including 2026-2027. 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 / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork
Assessment methods	Written Exam / 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

Master Business Research - No specialisation	Transitional Regulation
Master Business Research - Operations Research	Transitional Regulation
Master Human Decision Science	Cancelled
Master International Business - Accounting and Business Information Technology	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Entrepreneurship and Business Development	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Managerial Decision-Making and Control	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Information Management and Business Intelligence	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Marketing-Finance	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Strategic Corporate Finance	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Strategic Marketing	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Strategy and Innovation	Compulsory Course(s)
Master International Business - Supply Chain Management	Elective Course(s)
Master International Business - Sustainable Finance	Elective Course(s)
SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses