Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	International Business History
Course Code	EBC2069
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	27-10-2025	12-12-2025		X			X

Level	Intermediate
Coordinator	Gerard Pfann For more information:g.pfann@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The course has two learning goals both linked to intellectual leadership, the ability to lead in interpreting situations, seeing opportunities where others don't even look, and thinking through possible pathways towards jointly beneficial futures. These two goals are: - study historical evolution in terms of human and organisational actors responding to opportunities in their environment in ways that pioneered entirely new industries and forms of business. - Writing an essay that demonstrates that the student has ideas and is able to communicate these in a persuasive way.
Description	We study a path-breaking historical development in one or more leading industrial capitalist nations during the second industrial revolution. We zoom in on business activities and their outcomes, and we zoom out to the historical and national context in which these events have taken place. Looking back at history can be concretely informative since much what exists now has its roots in the past. But studying history is also a way of developing creative notions about how humans interact with their business environment in a situation of pervasive uncertainty. This can broaden our mental scope in dealing with our own uncertain world. This may well be the most important learning to develop in our course.
Literature	2-3 academic papers per tutorial - see syllabus for full list
Prerequisites	- This is a reading course for literate students with an excellent command of the English language in reading, writing, and conversation. I have to say that the reading load is quite considerable. - Attendance in the first two meetings of the course is mandatory. You get introduced to tutor, fellow students, and the educational approach. Failure to attend both meetings implies course failure.
Transitional Regulations	TRANSITIONAL REGULATIONS <ul class="trcohorts"> - Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics [2024-2025 or earlier] - Bachelor International Business [2024-2025 or earlier] - From 2025-2026 onwards, education and exam/resit opportunities are offered. Alternative options may be available. See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information. <table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2025-2026 onwards</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>See the Bachelor EER 2025-2026 Appendix I Article 16 for more information</td></tr></tbody></table>
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Papers / Groupwork
Assessment methods	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 Electives
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	In transition - Year 2+3 Elective Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 3 Free Elective
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Inf Mgmt - Business Elec
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Macro - Business Elec
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Micro - Business Elec
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Strategy - Core Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Business Elective
Bachelor Fiscal Economics	Annex 1 Electives
Bachelor International Business - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Courses
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Accounting - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Finance - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Inf Mgmt - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Marketing - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj Org - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	In transition - Maj SCM - Business Elec
Bachelor International Business	Year 3 Core Courses - Maj Strategy
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses
Pre-master International Business specialisation Strategy and Innovation	Disciplinary Courses