

Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	Institutional Investors																																												
Course Code	EBC4054																																												
ECTS Credits	6,5																																												
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades																																												
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Level	Advanced																																												
Coordinator	Roger Otten For more information:r.otten@maastrichtuniversity.nl																																												
Language of instruction	English																																												
Goals	Institutional investors like insurance companies, mutual- and pension funds account for more than 75% of all assets on financial markets. In this course students will learn how institutional investors are organized and how they invest on behalf of their clients.																																												
Description	The course studies the strategy, organization and investment process of institutional investors. Among others we cover strategic asset allocation, responsible investing and alternative investments like for instance private equity, real estate, infrastructure and hedge funds. After studying the relevant literature we focus on the practical (real-life) application of these concepts to the largest category of institutional investors; pension funds.																																												
Literature	Articles and book chapters (can be downloaded from the Student Portal or in the library). No text book.																																												
Prerequisites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exchange students need to have obtained a Bachelor degree in business. Exchange students need to major in finance in their Master. An advanced level of English is necessary. <p>Note that courses and workload are very demanding for all master International Business courses.</p>																																												
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