Course Descriptions None 2025-2026

Course Title	Intermediate Microeconomics for Pre-master
Course Code	EBC2197
ECTS Credits	6,5
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
5	13-4-2026	5-6-2026		X		X	

Level	Intermediate
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Language of instruction	English
Goals	
Description	Economists study the production and allocation of scarce resources, and one of their primary tools for doing so is microeconomic analysis. This methodology starts from the idea that, within a given institutional framework, economic outcomes are the product of choices made by many different individuals. With the micro approach, economists first study individual decisions, then study how these decisions collectively lead to broader outcomes in society. In this course, you will be provided with tools to perform this kind of analysis, with an emphasis on the analysis of markets. For example, we will work closely with mathematical models of how consumers and producers respond to prices, as well as models of which prices they may face---both when the market is competitive and when it is not. We will also consider several criteria for comparing economic outcomes, and use them to assess various kinds of market regulations. Ultimately, this is a course about techniques. The purpose of this course is not to provide you with answers to questions of economic policy, but rather with the techniques to rigorously form your own questions and answers.
Literature	Varian, H. (2009). Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (Eighth Edition). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company. OR Varian, H. (2014). Intermediate Microeconomics: A Modern Approach (Ninth Edition). New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company.
Prerequisites	
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation / Assignment / Groupwork
Assessment methods	Attendance / 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

Pre-master Economics	Disciplinary Courses
Pre-master Human Decision Science	Disciplinary Courses