

Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title Microeconomics
 Course Code EBC1010
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026					
4	1-2-2027	25-3-2027	L		X	X	

Level Introductory
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 Language of instruction English

Goals Understand the basic concepts and tools from microeconomics, such as opportunity costs, models and 'marginal' analysis.
 Learn to recognize the potential of these tools in practical applications.
 Learn to apply basic mathematical tools to help modelling economic problems.

Description This course is an introduction to microeconomics, the economics branch concerned with the decisions of individual consumers and firms and how these decisions are connected to, and interact on, markets. Consumer decision-making is analysed first, leading to insights into the demand for goods and services at the market level. The analysis of firm behaviour follows, leading to the study of different factors that determine the supply of goods and services. The two sides are integrated to see how markets act to coordinate supply and demand. The course examines four different market structures: perfect competition, monopoly, oligopoly, and monopolistic competition. The effects of different market structures on prices, quantities traded and welfare are explained. A parallel skills training integrates basic mathematical tools by discussing formal problems from the microeconomics textbook.

Literature Perloff, J.M. (2018), Microeconomics, 8th global edition, Pearson Education.

Prerequisites * Basic mathematical principles, especially from calculus (comparable to the mathematics part of course Quantitative Methods 1, code EBC1005/1006/1007).
 * An advanced level of English.

Keywords

Transitional Regulations <div class="trreg"><ul class="trcohorts">Bachelor Economics and Business Economics [2025-2026 and earlier]In 2026-2027 education (period 2) and exam/resit ("Exam period 2"/"Resits period 2 & 3 courses") opportunities are offered.In 2027-2028 exam/resit ("Exam period 2"/"Resits period 2 & 3 courses") opportunities are offered.From 2028-2029 onwards, the course will no longer be offered in period 2 but will be available in period 4.<p>Note that from 2026-2027 onwards, EBC1010 "Microeconomics" can also be taken in period 4.</p><table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2026-2027 period 2</td><td>X</td><td>X</td><td>EBC1010 "Microeconomics" in period 4</td></tr><tr><td>2027-2028 period 2</td><td> </td><td>X</td><td>EBC1010 "Microeconomics" in period 4</td></tr><tr><td>2028-2029 onwards</td><td> </td><td> </td><td>EBC1010 "Microeconomics" in period 4</td></tr></tbody></table></div>

Teaching methods PBL / Lecture / Assignment

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 1 Compulsory Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 1 Compulsory Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 1 Compulsory Courses
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 1 Compulsory Courses
SBE Exchange Bachelor	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Exchange Master	Bachelor Exchange Courses
SBE Non Degree Courses	Bachelor Courses