

Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title International Competition Policy
 Course Code EBC2093
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4	1-2-2027	25-3-2027	X		X		

Level Intermediate
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 Language of instruction English

Goals The course is an introduction into the objectives and implementations of Competition Policy. Students will be introduced to antitrust institutions all over the world with some emphasis on the European Union, its member states, and the US. Participants will learn how to evaluate the goals and their legal implementation from an economic point of view. Such an (empirical and theoretical) economic analysis enables participants to criticize existing Competition Law and to suggest improvements. These findings will be applied to landmark antitrust cases and ongoing controversies among competition policy scholars.

Description The course starts with an overview of international antitrust institutions, thereby covering the major systems of competition policy in the EU and the US, as well as suggested or recently implemented frameworks in developing countries and transition economies. We will continue with a theoretical and empirical identification of market power – a necessary condition for any anticompetitive practice. The following sessions will provide an economic analysis of the major fields of competition policy such as the fight against collusion, merger regulation, and the abuse of a dominant position. For each field we will apply modern theories of strategic firm behaviour to explain when and why firms indeed act in an anticompetitive way. These insights are then utilized to develop guidelines for antitrust authorities. Finally, these recommendations are taken as a benchmark for an evaluation of existing antitrust policy schemes. The course will make excessive use of case studies to illustrate and test the policy recommendations.

Literature Motta, Competition Policy, Cambridge University Press.
 Case Descriptions, Documentations of Legal Frameworks, and Research Papers.

Prerequisites * Courses 1.2 and 2.1 in microeconomics.
 * Knowledge and understanding of microeconomics (level comparable to: course Microeconomics).
 * Exchange students need a major in economics.
 * An advanced level of English.

Transitional Regulations <div class="trreg"><ul class="trcohorts">Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics [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;"><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></div>

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation
 Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation / Written Exam / Assignment / 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	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics	Year 3 Economics Electives
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	Year 3 Elective Courses
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	Year 3 Economics Elective
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Accounting - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Finance - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Inf Mgmt - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Marketing - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Micro - Core Courses
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Org - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj SCM - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	In transition - Maj Strategy - Economics Elec
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	Year 3 Economics Elective
	Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research	Year 3 Elective Courses
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