

## Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title Institutional Investors  
 Course Code EBC4054  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	26-10-2026	11-12-2026	X		X		

Level Advanced  
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 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  
 \* 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.

Transitional Regulations Note that courses and workload are very demanding for all master International Business courses.

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Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods 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	Master Business Research - No specialisation	In transition - Year 1 Disc IB Sustainable Finance
	Master Business Research - Operations Research	In transition - Year 1+2 Elective Courses
	Master Financial Economics - Asset Pricing	Compulsory Courses
	Master Financial Economics - Banking	Elective Courses
	Master Financial Economics - Financial Analysis	Elective Courses
	Master Financial Economics - No specialisation	Elective Courses
	Master Fiscal Economics	Cancelled - Economics Electives
	Master International Business - Accounting and Financial Analysis	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Entrepreneurship and Business Development	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Managerial Decision-Making and Control	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Information Management and Business Intelligence	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Marketing-Finance	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Organisation: Management, Change and Consultancy	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Strategic Corporate Finance	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Strategic Marketing	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Strategy and Innovation	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Supply Chain Management	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Sustainable Finance	Elective Courses
	Master International Business - Sustainable Finance	In transition - Compulsory Courses
	SBE Exchange Master	Master Exchange Courses
	SBE Non Degree Courses	Master Courses