Course Descriptions None 2026-2027

Course Title	The Global Factory
Course Code	EBC2203
ECTS Credits	5,0
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades

Period

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

Level	no level
Coordinator	Robert Suurmond For more information:r.suurmond@maastrichtuniversity.nl
Language of instruction	English
Goals	The main objective of the course is to provide students with insight into the complexity of global supply chains. In addition to concepts from supply chain management, the course also makes connections with other domains: legislation, financing, engineering. This emphasizes the transdisciplinary aspect of the program and provides students with tools to deal with complexity in supply chains.
Description	This course provides a comprehensive exploration of operations and supply chain management (OSCM), teaching students to apply their knowledge to real-world global contexts. The course covers ethical and cultural aspects of globalization, enhances team leadership skills, and offers strategies for mapping, assessing, and optimizing global supply chains.
Literature	Students are not required to buy a specific book
Prerequisites	SPARK registration
Keywords	
Transitional Regulations	<ul class="trcohorts"> - SPARK Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets [2025-2026 and earlier] - In 2026-2027 and 2027-2028 exam/resit opportunities are offered. - From 2028-2029 onwards, the course is cancelled. Note that from 2026-2027 onwards, EBC2037 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Asia" ; EBC2160 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Latin America" ; EBC2161 "Emerging Economies in Europe, Middle East and Africa" is offered as a replacement course. <table><col style="width: 200px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col style="width: 120px;"><col><thead><tr><th>Academic Year</th><th>Education</th><th>Exam/Resit</th><th>Replacement(s)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>2026-2027 - 2027-2028</td><td> </td><td>X</td><td>EBC2037 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Asia" OR EBC2160 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Latin America" OR EBC2161 "Emerging Economies in Europe, Middle East and Africa"</td></tr><tr><td>2028-2029 onwards</td><td> </td><td> </td><td>EBC2037 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Asia" OR EBC2160 "Economics and Society in Contemporary Latin America" OR EBC2161 "Emerging Economies in Europe, Middle East and Africa"</td></tr></tbody></table>
Teaching methods	PBL
Assessment methods	Attendance / Written Exam / Assignment
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	SPARK Elective
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets	In transition - SPARK Elective
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics and Management of Information	SPARK Elective
Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics	SPARK Elective