

## Course Descriptions Master 2013-2014

Course Title Value-Based Marketing  
 Course Code EBC4082  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment None

Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
4		3-2-2014	4-4-2014	X/E			X/E	

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals Customers buy value, not products, services or features. They buy from the company that provides the most value. And they buy what is in their best interest. Consequently, a company should not market a product or service but a best value proposition to a most appropriate market. Especially through channel and brand management, marketing additionally leverages this value creation process. In this course, you learn how to set up value-based marketing strategies to target value-seeking customers across international markets. You develop an analytical framework to assess value-based marketing strategies as well as expand your capabilities of assessing and designing these strategies in a real-life managerial context. Complementary, you develop a wide range of skills to analyse marketing practice in a real-life context, including interviewing, team and time management, and managerial reporting.

Description This course elaborates the logical steps of value-based marketing. First, you learn how to identify the value expectations of target and future customers. Fitting these expectations to a firm's market offerings, you learn how to formulate value propositions for business-to-business and business-to-consumer markets. The course further focuses on how marketing management may leverage the value proposition to the customer. You study how channel members enforce the value proposition mainly through supply coordination and increased customer connectedness. You learn how branding strategies may enhance value to the customer. Finally, we emphasize price setting of value propositions. Apart from challenging tutorial sessions, the most important learning environment is the value based marketing project you perform in a small group for a real-life enterprise.

Literature State-of-the art literature published in the leading marketing journals. A detailed literature list will be available online (Eleum).

Prerequisites All students who are admitted to the Master of Science in International Business can follow this course. This course assumes intermediate knowledge of marketing strategy and customer behaviour.

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Assignment / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation / 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

Master Business Research	IB Electives
Master Business Research Track OR	IB Electives
Master Human Decision Science	Electives
Master International Business Track Accountancy	Electives
Master International Business Track Controlling	Electives
Master International Business Track Entrepreneurship	Electives
Master International Business Track Entrepreneurship	Entrepreneurship
Master International Business Track Finance	Electives
Master International Business Track Organisation	Electives
Master International Business Track Strategic Marketing	Strategic Marketing
Master International Business Track Strategy and Innovation	Electives