

# Course Descriptions Master 2020-2021

Course Title Strategic Sourcing  
 Course Code EBC4013  
 ECTS Credits 6,5  
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

| Period | Start     | End        | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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| 1      | 31-8-2020 | 16-10-2020 | X   |     |     | X   |     |
| 4      | 1-2-2021  | 26-3-2021  | X   |     |     | X   |     |

Level Advanced

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Language of instruction English

Goals The objective of the course is to provide students the opportunity to deepen their awareness and understanding of conceptual frameworks and best (managerial) practices in the field of Purchasing and Supply Management, using a mix of 'state of the art' theory and practical examples. More specific we aim to support students to gain a deeper understanding of:

- the role of purchasing in supply chain management
- the potential impact of purchasing on firm performance
- how to improve the strategic management of purchasing
- how to improve the integration and collaboration with suppliers across the supply chain

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Literature •Arjan van Weele (2018), 'Purchasing and Supply Chain Management', Cengage Learning, London (7th revised edition) ISBN: 978-1-4737-4944-3  
 •Reader with academic articles  
 •Case studies (HBR, etc.)

Prerequisites Apart from the general prerequisites that count for any MSc course, students should have passed intermediate level (Applied) management courses at 2nd or 3rd year BA level of at least 13 ECTS credits. Courses and workload are very demanding for all IB Master courses. Exchange students need to have obtained a bachelor degree in Business. Exchange students need to major in Supply Chain Management in their Master. An advanced level of English is required.

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation / Lecture / Groupwork

Assessment methods Final Paper / Attendance / Participation / 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

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| Master Business Research - No specialisation            | Year 1 Disc- IB Supply Chain Mgmt |
| Master Business Research - Operations Research          | Year 1 Elective Course(s)         |
| Master Business Research - Operations Research          | Year 2 Elective Course(s)         |
| Master Human Decision Science                           | Elective Course(s)                |
| Master International Business - Supply Chain Management | Compulsory Course(s)              |
| SBE Exchange Master                                     | Master Exchange Courses           |
| SBE Non Degree Courses                                  | Master Courses                    |