

Course Descriptions Bachelor 2023-2024

Course Title	Managerial Economics							
Course Code	EBC2023							
ECTS Credits	6,5							
Assessment	Whole/Half Grades							
Period	Period	Start	End	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	4	5-2-2024	28-3-2024		L	X		X
Level	Intermediate							
Coordinator	Kirsten Rohde For more information:kirsten.rohde@maastrichtuniversity.nl							
Language of instruction	English							
Goals	<p>Managerial economics applies microeconomic principles to managerial issues. Executives, consultants, investment bankers and many other practitioners make daily economic decisions that are following explicitly or implicitly economic laws. Understanding these laws is important for making good decisions concerning diverse managerial problems: devising an effective internal promotion and incentive systems, taking good risky investments at a good point in time, planning and executing take-overs, fighting speculative attacks, pricing products and many more. This course provides the analytical skills and economic insights to analyse such managerial problems without being trapped in everyday biases and truisms. It will provide skills to analyse consumer behaviour and make good product placement and pricing decisions. It will deliver the ability to examine production technologies and firm cost structure but also how a manager should deal with market (in)efficiencies and government interventions like taxes, subsidies, and regulation. It will also discuss problems when playing on securities and insurance markets and how to motivate and share risk with employees. Last but not least, this course will also provide the background for correct strategic thinking and decision-making in the uncertain world of management.</p>							
Description	<p>The course will deal with the following issues: Why managerial economics? Consumer behaviour, production, selling, and pricing decisions. Production technologies and cost structure. Competition and collusion. The government and the firm. Management decisions in a world full of uncertainties. Risk sharing, incentive systems, and strategic interaction.</p>							
Literature	Economics of Organizations and Markets (Sander Onderstal). Pearson Benelux, 1st edition.							
Prerequisites	Introductory course in microeconomics on the level of Jeffrey M. Perloff "microeconomics" or higher.							
Teaching methods	PBL / Presentation							
Assessment methods	Written Exam / 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 - Emerging Markets				Year 2 Elective Course(s)			
	Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics				Year 2 Compulsory Course(s)			
	SBE Exchange Bachelor				Bachelor Exchange Courses			
	SBE Exchange Master				Bachelor Exchange Courses			
	SBE Non Degree Courses				Bachelor Courses			