

Course Descriptions NonDegree 2023-2024

Course Title International Competition Policy
 Course Code EBC2093
 ECTS Credits 6,5
 Assessment Whole/Half Grades

| Period | Start | End | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri |
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Level Intermediate
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 Language of instruction English

Goals The course is an introduction into the objectives and implementations of Competition Policy. Students will be introduced to antitrust institutions all over the world with some emphasis on the European Union, its member states, and the US. Participants will learn how to evaluate the goals and their legal implementation from an economic point of view. Such an (empirical and theoretical) economic analysis enables participants to criticize existing Competition Law and to suggest improvements. These findings will be applied to landmark antitrust cases and ongoing controversies among competition policy scholars.

Description The course starts with an overview of international antitrust institutions, thereby covering the major systems of competition policy in the EU and the US, as well as suggested or recently implemented frameworks in developing countries and transition economies. We will continue with a theoretical and empirical identification of market power – a necessary condition for any anticompetitive practice. The following sessions will provide an economic analysis of the major fields of competition policy such as the fight against collusion, merger regulation, and the abuse of a dominant position. For each field we will apply modern theories of strategic firm behaviour to explain when and why firms indeed act in an anticompetitive way. These insights are then utilized to develop guidelines for antitrust authorities. Finally, these recommendations are taken as a benchmark for an evaluation of existing antitrust policy schemes. The course will make excessive use of case studies to illustrate and test the policy recommendations.

Literature Motta, Competition Policy, Cambridge University Press.
 Case Descriptions, Documentations of Legal Frameworks, and Research Papers.

Prerequisites Courses 1.2 and 2.1 in microeconomics.
 Knowledge and understanding of microeconomics (level comparable to: course Microeconomics). Exchange students need a major in economics.
 an advanced level of English

Teaching methods PBL / Presentation
 Assessment methods Final Paper / Participation / 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

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| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Economics | Year 3 Economics Elective(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - Emerging Markets | Year 3 Elective Course(s) |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Core Course(s) - Maj Micro |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Accounting |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Finance |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Inf Mgmt |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Marketing |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Org |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj SCM |
| Bachelor Economics and Business Economics - International Business Economics | Year 3 Economics Elec(s) - Maj Strategy |
| Bachelor Econometrics and Operations Research | Year 3 Elective Course(s) |
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