



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2007/2008

GRA 6427 Advanced Topics in International Marketing

Program

Advanced Specialization Course (MSc), Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in Business and Economics (Marketing), Master of Science in International Marketing and Management, Master of Science in Marketing (Marketing)

Responsible for the course

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Department

Marketing

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Globalisation of world markets has considerably changed the rules of the game for business and governments alike. This course analyses the globalisation phenomenon from a firm perspective, and discusses the fundamental theoretical tenets pertaining to strategic responses to globalisation.

Objective

The students should at the end of this course be able to formulate and carry out research projects relating to strategic development of firms in globalising markets. Particular emphasis will be placed on consequences of globalisation trends on competitive structure, strategic thrust in globalising markets, entry / operation modes, standardisation / adaptation of the marketing mix and governance of marketing channels.

Prerequisites

A bachelor degree. A basic course in international marketing is recommended.

Compulsory literature

Articles:

Compilation of articles

Recommended literature

Books:

Subhash C. Jain, ed. 2003. Handbook of research in international marketing. Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing

Course outline

Module 1

Introduction, group formation.
Critical issues and problems of globalisation.

Module 2

Globalisation, industrial organisation (IO) and strategic groups
Theoretical explanations of internationalisation (TCA, network, organisational capability)
Strategy development and strategic thrusts

Module 3

Standardisation / adaptation of the marketing mix

Module 4

Control of marketing operations in international markets

Module 5

Research implications. Preparation seminar for the term paper

Computer-based tools

Not compulsory in this course.

Course structure

The course will be carried out in five modules three of which over nine hours. Module 1 will basically be an introduction and give a critical perspective of the drive towards globalisation, including consequences for investment and trade and for the environment. In module 2-4 the students will present papers pertaining to the topics covered, constituting the platform for in depth discussions of relevant theoretical issues. In module 5 (six hours) we will examine research implications of the discussions in the preceding modules and the formulation of the final term paper.

Specific Information regarding student evaluation will be provided in class. Please note that while attendance is not compulsory in all courses, it is the student's responsibility to obtain any information provided in class that is not included on the course homepage/Blackboard or text book

Evaluation

Evaluation is based on three components: two theory papers (40%), a final term paper (40%) and class participation (20%).

All parts of the evaluation need to be passed in order to get a grade in the course.

Evaluation code(s)

GRA64271 accounts for 100% of the final grade in the course GRA 6427.

Aids at the examination

Not applicable

Makeup exam

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When course evaluation consists of class participation or process elements, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake a exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

Honor Code

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