



**APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009**

## **GRA 6331 The International Firm**

### **Program**

Master of Science in Business and Economics, Master of Science in International Marketing and Management, Specialization Course

### **Responsible for the course**

Gabriel R G Benito

### **Department**

### **Term**

According to study plan

### **ECTS Credits**

6

### **Language of instruction**

English

### **Learning outcome**

The principal objective of the course is to familiarize students with the research-based literature on firms' internationalization. The aim is to give a foundation for more advanced studies of various aspects of international business. Hence, the scope of course is broad, and the course provides an overview of the literature rather than going in-depth into particular topics.

### **Prerequisites**

Bachelor's degree in Business or eq. qualifying for admission to the MSc Program

### **Compulsory literature**

#### **Articles:**

Collection of articles

### **Recommended literature**

#### **Course outline**

This course gives (i) a broad overview of the opportunities and challenges facing firms involved in doing cross-border business activities in an increasingly open and dynamic world, and (ii) an introduction to the research literature about the internationalization of the firm. The level of analysis in this course is the firm. The main emphasis is put on analyzing the behavior of firms in an ever-changing international marketplace and the ways firms organize their activities in order to cope with the intricacies of operating in foreign contexts.

#### **Computer-based tools**

Blackboard

#### **Course structure**

36 hours. Traditional lectures, class discussions, and case work.

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**

The course grade will be based on the following activities and weights:

- Class activities including class participation and assignments 25%
- Three hour written exam 75% - closed book

**Evaluation code(s)**

GRA63313 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA 6331.

**Aids at the examination**

A bilingual dictionary. Exam aids at written examinations are explained under exam information in our web-based Student handbook. Please note use of calculator and dictionary. <http://www.bi.edu/studenthandbook/examaids>

**Makeup exam**

Re-takes are only possible at the next time a course will be held. When the course evaluation has a separate exam code for each part of the evaluation it is possible to retake parts of the evaluation. Otherwise, the whole course must be re-evaluated when a student wants to retake an exam. Retake examinations entail an extra examination fee.

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