



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2008/2009

GRA 6336 Emerging Economies - China

Program

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

Responsible for the course

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Department

Term

According to study plan

ECTS Credits

6

Language of instruction

English

Emerging economies is a central topic within international management. These economies provide both firms embedded in "old" economies and international and domestic entrepreneurial businesses with a set of new business opportunities through opening up new markets and providing favourable resources. China, India, the Baltic States and Brazil are examples of emerging economies that may be defined as middle or low income economies with growth potential, making them attractive to foreign investors. The dynamic role of these economies raises a range of important topics in international management.

Learning outcome

Based on recent research, the overall aim of this course is to give an understanding of the different characteristics of emerging economies, including the economic, political and cultural dimensions. The main focus will be on the conditions for doing business in these countries, on how to organize as well as on how to manage business operations. In addition to a broader introduction to the topic, the course will provide a deeper insight into the Chinese economy. The program includes a one-week intensive study trip to Shanghai in cooperation with Fudan University.

Prerequisites

A bachelors degree qualifying for admission to the Master programme

Compulsory literature

Books:

Cavusgil, S. Tamer, Pervez N. Ghauri and Milind R. Agarwal. 2002. Doing business in emerging markets : entry and negotiation strategies. Thousand Oaks, Calif. : Sage

Articles:

Selection of articles

Recommended literature

Course outline

- The emerging economies in the global economy – the development so far (1)
- The emerging economies – new strategic opportunities for MNEs (2)
- The emerging markets – state control vs. privatization (3)
- Organizing and managing business operations in emerging economies – specific challenges (4)
- Doing business in China/The Chinese Political System (5)
- Chinese business culture (6)
- Organizing business in China; Different structures (7)

Computer-based tools

Blackboard

Course structure

The first part of the course will be given as 21 hours of intensive lecturing, case-discussions and other class activities at BI. The rest of the course will be organized as a study trip to

Shanghai with Chinese lecturers and visits to Chinese and Norwegian companies in Shanghai.

Evaluation

Class activities including assignments and group presentations (40%) and individual term paper (60 %).

Evaluation code(s)

GRA63361 accounts for 100 % of the final grade in the course GRA6336.

Aids at the examination

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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