



APPLIES TO ACADEMIC YEAR 2016/2017

## GRA 6031 Microeconomics

### Programme

Core Course, Master of Science in Business, Master of Science in Finance

### Responsible for the course

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### Department

Department of Economics

### Term

According to study plan

### ECTS Credits

6

### Language of instruction

English

### Introduction

### Learning outcome

The aim of this course is to provide a comprehensive understanding of the economics of monopoly, oligopoly, and competition, in order to demonstrate how microeconomic theory can facilitate private and public decision making.

### Prerequisites

All courses in the Masters programme will assume that students have fulfilled the admission requirements for the programme. In addition, courses in second, third and/or fourth semester can have specific prerequisites and will assume that students have followed normal study progression. For double degree and exchange students, please note that equivalent courses are accepted.

### Compulsory reading

#### Books:

Pepall, Lynne, Dan Richards and George Norman. 2014. Industrial organization : contemporary theory and empirical application. 5th ed. Wiley

#### Other:

During the course there may be hand-outs from Varian, Hal.R.2014, Intermediate Microeconomics with calculus. W.W.Norton&Company. There may also be other material on additional relevant for the course and the examination.

### Recommended reading

#### Course outline

- Competition and efficiency
- Monopoly pricing and price discrimination
- Oligopoly
- Product differentiation
- Asymmetric information
- Vertical relations, contracts and mergers
- Competition policy and antitrust
- Auctions
- Asset markets

### Computer-based tools

Not applicable

### Learning process and workload

A course of 6 ECTS credits corresponds to a workload of 160-180 hours.

Please note that while attendance is not compulsory in all courses, it is the student's own responsibility to obtain any information provided in class that is not included on the course homepage/It's learning or text book.

### Examination

Written exam 3 hours

Form of assessment	Weight	Group size
Written examination 3 hours	100%	Individual

Specific information regarding student assessment will be provided in class. This information may be relevant to requirements for term papers or other hand-ins, and/or where class participation can be one of several components of the overall assessment. Candidates may be called in for an oral hearing as a verification/control of written assignments.

### Examination code(s)

GRA 60314 three hour written exam accounts for 100% of the final grade in GRA 6031

### Examination support materials

BI approved exam calculator

Bilingual dictionary

Permitted examination support materials for written examinations are detailed under examination information in the student portal @bi. The section on support materials and the use of calculators and dictionaries should be paid special attention to.

### Re-sit examination

It is only possible to retake an examination when the course is next taught. The assessment in some courses is based on more than one exam code. Where this is the case, you may retake only the assessed components of one of these exam codes. All retaken examinations will incur an additional fee. Please note that you need to retake the latest version of the course with updated course literature and assessment. Please make sure that you have familiarised yourself with the latest course description.

### Additional information

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