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Course Title	International Business Relations
Term	Term 1 & 2
Inholland Faculty	Faculty of Business, Finance & Law
Course code	Unknown
Inholland location	Den Haag/The Hague
Cycle	first cycle / undergraduate / Bachelor level
Number of ECTS	30
Language of	English
instruction	
Course content	Part 1 (sept-nov)
	Value Creation and Competition (4 ECTS)
	You will start by studying business models and tools to analyze the
	external environment of companies. After this you will carry out empirical
	research into the business models of a (self-chosen) company that operate
	on a global scale. You will write a report based on the research and take a
	written exam.
	International Credit Risk Management (4 ECTS)
	We will teach you how companies, especially those that sell abroad, make
	sure that clients pay their bills (on time). All the steps in the credit
	management process will be discussed from accepting a new client,
	establishing payment conditions, to insuring credit risk and using a debt
	collection company. In the assessment you are going to analyze the
	problems of a fast growing company and advise them in your role as credit
	management consultant.
	International Business Game (7 ECTS)
	You will be one of the members of the management team of an
	international consumer electronics company. Your goal is to win the game.
	This means that you have to take smart decisions that allow you to reach
	your (financial) targets. Besides competing with the other companies in the
	game you will be confronted with major 'events'. This could be the opening
	up of a new market or another economic or political event. Assignments
	related to these events will allow you to score additional points. At the end
	of the game you will report the results of your main shareholders.
	Part 2: (nov -jan)
	Innovation (4 ECTS)
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	the business models of existing companies. Your goal will be to identify the
	major risks and opportunities created by business model innovation in an
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industry of your choice. You will do empirical (group) research, including
expert interviews and give strategic advice in the form of a TEDX-style
video presentation.

- Trends in Global Business and Finance (3 ECTS)
- Emerging Markets (4 ECTS)

The growth of the world economy was dominated by the industrialized countries since the Second World War. It brought the Western economies unparalleled prosperity. Many countries did not fully share this increase in wealth, yet invested extensively in their economies. Around the millennium new economies like Brazil, Russia, India, China, called the BRIC countries became increasingly important in the world economy. Other countries followed. These emerging markets change the balance of economic power in the world economy and shifts growth away from the industrialized countries. In this module Emerging markets are the topic of study with a special focus on the financial sector. You will be assessed in a written exam with open questions.

Sustainability (4 ECTS)
 Companies must organize their business in a sustainable way. It is not just production, but the whole process of value creation. The term 'craddle to craddle' is used in this respect. In this module sustainable economic growth of companies is the topic of study.

Lecturer(s)	Coordinator/lecturer: Twan Franken (twan.franken@inholland.nl).
	Other lecturers: Rob van Wordragen, Kitty Lau, Rene van der Linden
Learning	Learning outcome 1 (Strategic Management):
outcomes	Facilitate insight in the external environment of an organization and advise
	(line) management with the aim of making the correct business decisions.
	Modules: Value Creation and Competition, Emerging Markets, Global
	Trends in Business and Finance
	Learning outcome 3 (Performance Management):
	Select applicable methods for analysis aimed at making the right
	management decisions for an organization
	Modules: International Business Game, Innovation, Sustainability
	Learning Outcome 4 (Governance, Risk, Compliance):
	Give advice about the design of information systems and business
	processes of an organization aimed at managing risk.
	Module: International Credit Risk Management
	Learning Outcome 5 (Finance):
	Give advice about financial issues, taking into account fiscal aspects and

financial risks.



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	Module: International Credit Risk Management
Mode of delivery,	General: A study trip to Berlin is part of the programme as are guest
planned activities	lectures and company visits.
and teaching	Value Creation and Competition: (guest) lectures, self-study
methods	• International Credit Risk Management: (guest) lectures, on-line Cashgame,
	self-study
	International Business Game: lectures, on-line Business game
	Innovation: lectures, group research
	Trends in Global Business and Finance: (guest) lectures, self-study
	Emerging Markets: lectures
	Sustainability: lectures
Prerequisites and	Good command of the English language
co-requisites (if	
applicable)	
Recommended or	Gassmann, e.a., The Business Model Navigator, FT Publishing 2014,
required reading	ISBN 978-1-292-06581-6
and/or other	Other compulsory literature and resources will be published free of charge
learning	on Blackboard (on-line)
resources/tools	For the International Business Game each student will have to pay a
	license fee of €40.
Assessment	Value Creation and Competition - written exam
methods and	 International Credit Risk Management - written assignment + oral
criteria	consultancy assignment
	International Business Game - written assignments and oral presentation
	Innovation - TEDx video
	Trends in Global Business and Finance - written exam
	Emerging Markets - written exam
	Sustainability - oral and written assignments