

IBM MINOR: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS & EMERGING MARKETS

DESCRIPTION OF EM ELECTIVE COURSE #2: International Trade and Emerging Markets

Haute école de	Academic Year:	
gestion - Genève	2024-2025	
	Fall Semester	

FIRST PART: DESCRIPTION OF MODULE		
1. Domain	Business and Services	
2. Department	International Business Management	
3. Course name	International Trade and Emerging Markets	
4. Code	16479	
5. Type of education	 ☑ Bachelor ☑ Master ☑ MAS 	
6. Number of ECTS Credits	5	
7. Prerequisites	 Validation of the modules in semesters 1 and 2 Attendance of the modules in semesters 3 and 4 for full-time students, and semesters 5 and 6 for part-time students This module is a compulsory prerequisite to access the elective course no 4 "Small Business Internationalization and Emerging Markets" during the spring semester 2022 	
8. Teaching language	⊠ English	
9. Objectives	Context Considering the rapid growth and inclusion of emerging economies in 21 st century. globalization and value chains, large firms and especially SMEs face new export opportunities and risks to access attractive but distant and risky emerging markets. Emerging economies, mainly in Asia, but also in Latin America and more recently in Africa and the Middle East, are responsible for major shifts in global production and trade of commodities, manufactures and services. They also contribute to a rapid development of new forms of entrepreneurship, innovation, alternative business models and appropriate technologies. Projections indicate an acceleration of this trend in 2020-2030 led by Asian economies. Other emerging regions will also	



	contribute increasingly to international trade, including Africa perceived as the last global market frontier.
	Facing slow growth, stagnation or recession in aging industrialized countries, internationalizing firms and SMEs in particular need to explore emerging markets to diversify and expand exports. It includes a necessary diversification of import sources to be able to supply more performing exports. As accessing emerging economies differ from traditional OECD trading partners in many ways, specific intra-firm capacities and specialized external supportive services need to be identified and mobilized to be able to reach emerging markets.
	Objectives This course aims:
	 To expose students to emerging markets in Asia, Africa, Middle East, and the Americas
	 To use international trade analytical tools to assess emerging market opportunities and risks as new export driving engines of 21st century globalization, and B2B/B2C value chains;
	• To equip students with generic international trade knowledge, but also and mainly specific to emerging markets (export survey modes, intercultural negotiations, formal/informal contracting modes, trading intermediation, export-import finance, legal aspects)
	• To equip students with professional skills (preparations and conduct of an intra- firm export diagnostic, use of international trade agreements and trading data, identification and use of export development supportive services domestically and in markets of destination)
	 To master Swiss-European / emerging markets' trading opportunities & risks for commodities, manufactures, services, science and technologies.
10. Contents (General themes and descriptions, the accurate content may change)	 Part 1. Recent Trends in Global and Emerging Markets Trade Growth of merging economies in recent World Trade Reports Impact of Covid-19 crisis on global trade and resilience of emerging markets Analytics of emerging markets' trading data and mapping (ITC-Geneva) Trading opportunities and risks to access emerging markets Role of export supportive services to reach emerging markets
	 Part 2. Firm-Level Export Preparation to Identify Emerging Markets Preliminary exploration of emerging markets (different forms of distance, business opportunities, country and other risks) Conducting an Intra-Firm EM Export Diagnosis
	 EM export survey and feasibility study (including access to digital tools) Access to public-private EM specialized services
	 Part 3. Firm-level Export Transaction Construct vis-à-vis Emerging Markets Conduct & management of intercultural contracting negotiations Contracting modes (direct/indirect trading, legal aspects, formal/informal intermediation, risk analysis) Conditioning/packaging, other logistics and transportation to emerging
	 markets Accessing export finance to emerging markets (Exim credit, guaranties, insurance) Customs, certification and delivery imperatives vis-à-vis emerging markets



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	 Part 4. Delivery Modes and Post-delivery Management in Distant Emerging Markets Delivery modes and final client outreach in different types and sizes of emerging markets After export sale services to distant emerging markets 		
	 Maintenance and reparation: What kind of local/regional logistics Disputes and claims from local clients (inter-cultural and legal aspects) 		
	Short intros, ITC trainings, country/sector case studies, videos/text books/medias, simulations, group discussions will be used		
11. Evaluation	Evaluation is based on students' role playing as junior EM export advisors and trainers vis-à-vis Swiss and non-Swiss enterprises interested to explore exports to emerging markets. It includes:		
	 Continuous graded assignments to groups of students and using digital export tools (as homework and in class, in groups and/or individually) 		
	 During weeks 5-15, construction and delivery of an EM export training MOOC for SME staffs in collaboration with Cantonal Chambers of Commerce & Industry (with identification of real internationalizing SMEs interested to expand into emerging markets, and to be coached during Elective course no 4, Spring Semester 2023) 		
	Detailed evaluation methods and weightings will be communicated at the beginning of the semester and during the 15 weeks		
12. Remediation/repetition	⊠ Compulsory remediation if the module grade is between 3.5 and 3.9 / 6. When subject to a remediation, only the grade of the remedial exam will be taken into account (maximum grade 4.0). A repeated module cannot benefit from a remedial exam.		
13. Coordinator / main instructor	Philippe Régnier, Lecturer (HEG-Ge) and Professor, Research Dean, HEG-Fribourg in collaboration with Benoît Kessler, Teaching Assistant (HEG-Ge)		
	SECOND PART: LOCATION OF THE MODULE IN THE STUDY PLAN		
14. Level	 □ Basic module □ Advanced module ☑ Specialized module 		
15. Characteristics	Module is mandatory (which could lead to final dismissal from the program, cf. art.15, al.1, « Statut des étudiant-e-s bachelor »)		



16. Туре	⊠ Main module
17. Time organization	 ☑ Module over 1 semester ☑ Fall semester