

IBM MINOR: INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS & EMERGING MARKETS

DESCRIPTION OF EM ELECTIVE COURSE No 3: International Finance and Emerging Markets

Name of the school:	Academic Year:
Haute école de	2023-2024
gestion de Genève	Spring Semester

FIRST PART: DESCRIPTION OF ELECTIVE		
1. Domain	Business and Services	
2. Department	International Business Management	
3. Course name	International Finance and Emerging Markets	
4. Code	31023	
5. Type of education	 ☑ Bachelor □ Master □ MAS □ □ DAS / CAS / single days 	
6. Number of ECTS Credits	5	
7. Prerequisites	 Validation of the electives in semesters 1 and 2 Attendance of the electives in semesters 3 and 4 for full-time students, and semesters 5 and 6 for part-time students 	
8. Teaching language	⊠ English	
9. Objectives	Since the early 21 st century, the rapid growth of emerging economies has produced new global finance inflows and outflows in particular vis-à-vis the OECD economies and the developing countries as well. China, India, and other Asian economies have taken the lead, but the phenomenon can be also traced in the Americas, the Middle East, and even in Africa considered as the last investment frontier.	
	Foreign direct investment (FDI) has substantially contributed to the take off and rapid industrialization of a number of emerging economies, China being the best illustration. From delocalization to cheaper production locally, it has moved to mid and high tech production of manufactures and services in recent years. In their turn, leading emerging economies have started to invest in both developed and developing countries, expanding more than once through highly visible mergers and	



	acquisitions like Syngenta in Switzerland.
	In addition, global equity and portfolio finance has been expanding rapidly with the inclusion of emerging markets and even the creation of emerging products. For instance, the combined stock markets of Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzen are expected to displace Tokyo as number one in Asia & Pacific. Paradoxically, projects, startups and growing companies in emerging markets are still lacking medium/long term financing solutions, while investment funds of developed economies are sitting on large amounts of capital but lack of investment opportunities in slow growth/stagnating and aging OECD economies. Furthermore, financial innovation and ICTs, fintech, e-payments, cryptocurrencies are developing in emerging economies, sometimes in a more disruptive manner than elsewhere. They contribute together with more classical local and global finance to various initiatives and prospects addressing the massive challenge of sustainable development in emerging economies.
10. Contents (General themes and	Part 1. Global finance and the Rise of Emerging Economies
descriptions, the accurate content may change)	 Overview of 21st century global rise of emerging economies Tracing emerging economies in recent World Investment Reports Rise of domestic and international finance in emerging markets Shares of emerging economies in OECD investment portfolios
	 Part 2. Swiss/OECD Direct Investment and other Financial Flows to Emerging Economies Definition and modes of foreign direct investment The Whys and Hows of FDIs to emerging economies Opportunities and Access Barriers in energy and commodities Opportunities and Access Barriers in technology and manufacturing Opportunities and Access Barriers in services
	 Part 3. Emerging Markets as News Investors to Swiss/OECD and Developing Economies Growth and management of financial surpluses in emerging economies The rise of middle class and the new rich in emerging economies The race for mergers & acquisitions abroad in key sectors The leading role of Asian investment worldwide
	 Part 4. Digital Finance and Impact Investment in Emerging Economies New modes of addressing the challenge of financial inclusion and literacy in emerging economies From micro to meso finance and beyond in the real economy Digital finance and fintech into and from emerging economies Impact investment to meet vast sustainable development goals in emerging economies (renewable energy, agro and industrial ecology, CSR, smart cities,)
	Shor intros, textbooks, videos and medias, case studies, guest experts, group discussions will be used in this course.



11. Evaluation	The grading of the elective is based on:	
	 Continued evaluation of oral/written assignments during weeks 1 to 10 including assessment of individual and group participation 	
	 Semester research paper in small groups to be developed gradually during weeks 5 10 to 15 (before if possible) 	
	(The methods and weightings will be communicated by the instructor before the evaluations at the beginning of the semester)	
12. Remediation/repetition	 Compulsory remediation if the elective 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 elective cannot benefit from a remedial exam. No remediation 	
13. Coordinator / main instructor	Philippe Régnier & Benoit Kessler	
SECOND PART: LOCATION OF THE ELECTIVE IN THE STUDY PLAN		
14. Level	Specialized elective	
15. Characteristics	Elective is mandatory for minor students (which could lead to final dismissal from the program, cf. art.15, al.1, « Statut des étudiant-e-s bachelor »)	
16. Туре	⊠ Main elective	
17. Time organization	 ☑ Elective over 1 semester ☑ Spring semester 	