

## **LBRAI2208**

2014-2015

## Firms and Markets: Strategic Analysis

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Language :	Anglais
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve
Inline resources:	Icampus
Prerequisites :	micro-economics and introduction to game theory, LBIRA 2104 Decision Tools (or equivalent)
Main themes :	Game Theory and econometrics applied to industrial economics a) horizontal relationships between producers (Bertrand vs Cournot competition, vertical vs horizontal product differenciation,) b) vertical relationships between producers: double marginalization, mergers c) entry and barriers to entry d) the roles of external actors (the State, consumer collective actions,)
Aims:	<ul> <li>a. Contribution de l'activité au référentiel AA (AA du programme)</li> <li>1.1-1.5, 2.1-2.5 industrial organisation (theory and empirics)</li> <li>3.2-3.4, 3.6-3.8 matching real situations with archetypal problems, solving models and interpreting the abstract results</li> <li>4.1-4.2 identifying typical problems in complex situations</li> <li>4.4-4.7 drawing lessons from abstract models for complex, real situations</li> <li>6.1-6.2 &amp; mp; 6.4-6.7 articles presented by students, homeworks (questions)</li> <li>5.8, 7.1 &amp; mp; 7.5 competition policy-making</li> <li>b. Formulation spécifique pour cette activité des AA du programme</li> <li>At the end of the course, students will be able :</li> <li>to read, understand and criticize theoretical and empirical articles in industrial organization in an autonomous way.</li> <li>to analyze strategic choices made by firms.</li> <li>to asses the performance of economic activities at the firm level and at the sector level.</li> <li>to decipher the main stakes of market structure and competition policy on the basis of relevant information about the production activities in a given sector.</li> <li>to articulate theoretical findings with empirical analyzes in industrial organization.</li> <li>The contribution of this Teaching Unit to the development and command of the skills and learning outcomes of the programme(s)</li> </ul>
Evaluation methods :	can be accessed at the end of this sheet, in the section entitled "Programmes/courses offering this Teaching Unit".  Homeworks (student talks, critical questions, answers)
Teaching methods :	Articles to be read, classes taught in association by students and the teacher, homeworks
Content:	Introductory part, presented by the teacher:  1. Elements of game theory: normal form games, developped form games, equilibrium concepts.  2. Cournot versus Bertrand competition.
	Students pick up a series of articles that they will read and present themselves in close association with the teacher. The assistance must subsequently raise two relevant questions on each presentation; these are answered the next week.  The set of articles in which the students choose covers the following topics: 3. Product differentiation (vertical, horizontal, information asymetries and market failures). 4. Vertical versusHorizontal integration, contract theory, agency (Principal-Agent relationship). 5. Potential competition, excess capacity, entry barriers.
Bibliography:	The list of articles in which students choose is constantly evolving.
Cycle and year of study:	> Master [120] in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cell Biology  > Master [120] in Agricultural Bioengineering

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