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Teacher(s)	Gaspart Frédéric ;						
Language :	English > French-friendly						
Place of the course	Louvain-la-Neuve						
Prerequisites	micro-economics and introduction to game theory						
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 : mergers, intermediaries c) entry and barriers to entry d) innovation, changes outside the scope of the firm (e.g. environmental changes) e) the roles of external actors (the State, consumer collective actions,) 						
Learning outcomes	 At the end of this learning unit, the student is able to : a. Contribution de l'activité au référentiel AA (AA du programme) 1.1-1.5, 2.1-2.5 industrial organisation (theory and empirics) 3.2-3.4, 3.6-3.8 matching real situations with archetypal problems, solving models and interpreting the abstract results 4.1-4.2 identifying typical problems in complex situations 4.4-4.7 drawing lessons from abstract models for complex, real situations 6.1-6.2 & 6.4-6.7 articles presented by students, homeworks (questions) 5.8, 7.1 & 7.5 competition policy-making 1 b. Formulation spécifique pour cette activité des AA du programme At the end of the course, students will be able : to read, understand and criticize theoretical and empirical articles in industrial organization in an autonomous way. to analyze strategic choices made by firms. to assess the performance of economic activities at the firm level and at the sector level. 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. to articulate theoretical findings with empirical analyses in industrial organization. 						
Evaluation methods	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 : 1. Product differentiation (vertical, horizontal, information asymetries and market failures). 2. Vertical versus Horizontal integration, contract theory, agency (Principal-Agent relationship). 3. Potential competition, excess capacity, entry barriers. 4. Innovation						
Inline resources	5. Sectors with intermediaries Moodle						

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Bibliography	The list of articles in which students choose is constantly evolving.					
Faculty or entity in charge	AGRO					

Programmes containing this learning unit (UE)								
Program title	Acronym	Credits	Prerequisite	Learning outcomes				
Master [120] in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cell Biology	BBMC2M	4		٩				
Master [120] in Agriculture and Bio-industries	SAIV2M	5		٩				
Master [120] in Agricultural Bioengineering	BIRA2M	4		٩				