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Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the master's programme in International and European Tax Law - Specialisation Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation for the *academic year 2022-2023*.

Enrolment before completing prior education ('zachte knip' regulation)

To help students who have experienced delays in their studies due to COVID-19, we have put the 'zachte knip' regulation in place. This regulation means that you can enrol in your next education programme before you have completed your prior education.

Were you, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unable to earn enough credits in the academic year 2021-22 to complete your prior education on time? In that case, you will be given the opportunity to conditionally start your next education programme at UM under certain terms in academic year 2022-23 (study start in September).

When are you eligible for the 'zachte knip'?

Would you like to go from:

- a bachelor's programme to a UM pre-master's or master's programme,
- a pre-master's or 'schakel' programme to a UM master's programme, or
- an HBO propedeuse (first-year diploma at a university of applied sciences) to a UM bachelor's programme?

Read [here](#) about the conditions for qualifying for the 'zachte knip'.

How and when do you file an application for the 'zachte knip'?

Beginning of July, we will let you know [here](#) how and when to apply for the 'zachte knip' regulation.

Important deadlines for this study programme

Applicable when starting on 1 September 2022

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines when applying for this study programme are provided in the table below.

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| Date | What you need to know about this date |
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| 1 October 2021 | Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2022-2023 |
| Up to and including 1 May 2022, 23:59 CET | Deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit) |
| Up to and including 1 June 2022, 23:59 CET | Deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants |

If you are unable to meet the deadlines, please contact the admissions office admissions-law@maastrichtuniversity.nl to discuss the possibilities.

General requirements: prior qualifications

The admission requirements for academic year 20221/23 for the master's programme International and European Tax Law - Specialisation Customs and International Supply Chain Taxation depend on your prior qualifications. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

For this master's programme selection takes place on the basis of your quality and suitability. For this your motivation, prior qualifications and your (professional) experience are important.

Graduates from selected relevant university bachelor's programmes

You are eligible for admission to the master's programme International and European Tax Law if you have a **Dutch university bachelor's degree in: Tax Law or Fiscal Economics**. You are also eligible for admission if you have a **non-Dutch university bachelor's degree in Tax Law or Fiscal Economics**.

Note: a master's degree in fiscal economics alone (without a bachelor's degree in fiscal economics) is not sufficient to be directly admissible to the master's programme in tax law.

Graduates from another bachelor's programme

Excellent students with another bachelor's degree (e.g. economics, business administration and others), or law degree at a higher vocational education level have to pass the Entrance exam in Tax Law. We advise all students to have taken a course in substantive tax law in their home countries.

Read more about the [Entrance exam in Tax Law](#).

Note: If a student without a bachelor's degree in either Tax Law or Fiscal Economics wishes to be admitted to the Nederlandse Orde van Belastingadviseurs (NOB), then it is compulsory to take the regular Dutch language entrance exam.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master programmes

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.

Do you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

Prospective students who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)

Prospective students applying for this study programme who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [Handling fee page](#).

Documents required for application process

During the application process for this study programme, you will need to complete a number of tasks for which you will often have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

A recent portrait picture

This picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).

A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card

Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.

A copy of your most recent certified grades transcript and a copy of your certified diploma if you have obtained it. If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme

- **Letter of motivation**

All candidates must write a well-prepared and structured letter of motivation for this specific master's programme. The letter should explain your motivation for choosing this specific Master's programme. It should also include an overview of what you intend to learn and how this programme fits into your future professional plans. The letter must be dated and addressed to the Board of Admissions of the Faculty of Law.

- **Demonstrate your Proficiency in English**

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English. See 'Additional requirements' on this page.

Please note: Only complete registrations will be taken into consideration. All documents must be in **Dutch, English** or **German**.

Please also send a certified copy of your diploma by regular post to:

Maastricht University
Student Services Centre
Admissions & Registration
PO Box 616
6200 MD Maastricht
The Netherlands

How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying to this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this here.

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Note: only complete applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for application to this study programme' on this page. We strive to assess your application and communicate the result to you within three to four weeks.