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Admission requirements

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. The Board of Admission evaluates the quality of your bachelor's diploma by looking at your Grade Point Average, the level of statistics and mathematics and at how well your bachelor's programme corresponds with the MSc programme.

Assessment of your file happens on a rolling basis. This means that, once you submit a complete file, it will be presented to the Board of Admission from this master's programme and you will receive a decision within 2-4 weeks after completion of your file. We will not wait until the deadline before we present your file to the Board.

All applicants should meet the general requirements:

1. submit your curriculum vitae,
2. write a letter of motivation,
3. demonstrate proficiency in English.

Please check below whether additional requirements apply to you.

UM graduates applying for a master's programme

Students with a UM BSc in International Business, or a UM-BSc in Economics and Business Economics are directly admissible. You do not have to write a letter of motivation.

Please note: you have to pass your bachelor's exam before the start of the master programme. If you start in September, the final graduation date is 31 August, for students starting in February the graduation date can be no later than 31 January.

Other SBE graduates have to submit a complete application for assessment by the Board of Admission. The GMAT is not required in this case.

Graduates from the following universities of applied sciences (HBO)

- Hogeschool Zuyd + Academic Minor
- Fontys Hogescholen + Minor Academic Orientation
- NHTV Breda + SBM-programme

You are eligible for admission. You must provide a positive recommendation from your school, and a statement from your school indicating that you are following/have followed the required programme. You do not have to write a letter of motivation.

Graduates from specific NVAO-accredited institute or programme

You are eligible for assessment by the Board of Admission. You do not have to take a GMAT or GRE test.

[See programmes in the Netherlands included for GMAT /GRE exemption](#)

Graduates from another bachelor's programme

You are eligible for assessment by the Board of Admission. You are required to pass a GMAT/ GRE test.

HBO bachelor's graduates are encouraged to follow an Academic Minor/Minor Academic Orientation/SBM programme at one of our partner institutes before starting the master's programme.

General requirements

1. Submit your curriculum vitae

All candidates must provide a cv. Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.

2. Write a letter of motivation

All candidates must write a letter of motivation. Please provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.

3. Demonstrate proficiency in English

This master's programme is taught in English. You must therefore have a thorough verbal and written command of English. If you meet one of the following criteria, you do not have to submit additional proof of your English proficiency:

- you are a native English speaker
- you are an EU citizen
- you completed a bachelor's programme that was taught in English

If you do not meet any of these criteria, you will need to submit your scores from an IELTS or a TOEFL exam as proof of your English proficiency. You have to prepare and register for these exams yourself.

Plan to take your exam well before the application deadline. It can take a while before you get the results.

English proficiency exams

[IELTS](#)
[TOEFL](#)

Required scores

- **IELTS exam:** minimum overall score of 6.5
- **TOEFL exam, paper-based:** minimum overall score of 575
- **TOEFL exam, computer-based:** minimum overall score of 233
- **TOEFL exam, internet-based:** minimum overall score of 90

Language requirements exemption

If you think that you should be exempted from the English proficiency requirements, please use this form to request an exemption.

[Statement of English language proficiency.](#)

Additional requirements

GMAT/GRE-test

Please note that you may choose either one of the two tests. If you decide to take the GRE-test though, please recalculate your score to a GMAT-score via [conversion tool](#).

You have to register for these tests yourself.

Read more about the tests

[GMAT](#)
[GRE](#)

Indicate UM as recipient

Official GMAT-/GRE- score report have to be sent directly to us by the test centre. Please do not forget to indicate us as a recipient. The programme code is 2WH-4N-65 (GMAT) or 7102 (GRE) or you can select us from the list of recipients. We do not accept score reports that you yourself send to us.

Train for GMAT with Mindful GMAT

Mindful GMAT Foundation provides GMAT preparation courses. You will receive a 10% discount on this course, if you mention the code "UM-MSc2017" when registering. Please note that you may choose either one of the two tests. If you decide to take the GRE-test though, please recalculate your score to a GMAT-score via this [conversion tool](#).

[Go to Mindful GMAT](#)

Minimum required scores

- Total score of 650 or higher, and an Analytical Writing Assessment score of 4.0 or higher: you will be admitted.
- Total score of less than 550, or an Analytical Writing Assessment score of less than 4.0: you will be rejected.

The files of all other applicants will be assessed by the Board of Admission, based on the criteria which are described in Required Documents.

Description of the Statistics courses in the bachelor's programme

All candidates need to provide proof of statistical knowledge. Please upload all relevant courses in Statistics you followed during your bachelor's programme in a separate Word-document. You can upload it in the category 'Other in My UM. Please do not use more than 10 sentences per course.