



## Foundation Programme 2020–2021

### Programme information

#### Prepare for your ideal Bachelor track at UM with the Foundation Programme (FP)

The **Foundation Programme** is for motivated international students who want to do a bachelor's programme at Maastricht University but still need to meet the admission requirements.

The Foundation Programme will provide you with intensive training in academic skills, courses relevant to your chosen bachelor's programme, and English language skills (depending on your level). Outside of the classroom, the Foundation Programme offers support and organizes events that will help you make new friends and adjust to life in the Netherlands and at Maastricht University.

#### Why the UM Foundation Programme?

- Tailor-made programme
- Small-scale, student-oriented approach
- International community
- 1+3 years = a bachelor's degree
- Located in the vibrant city of Maastricht

#### A preparatory programme specially designed for Maastricht University bachelor's degrees.

Arts and Culture	Economics and Business Economics	Data Science and Knowledge Engineering
Digital Society	European Public Health	Econometrics and Business Operations
European Law School	International Business	
European Studies	Maastricht Science Programme	
Global Studies	University College Venlo	

#### During your studies

You can expect a challenging yet rewarding experience at the FP. During the FP you will be assessed through exams, presentations and written assignments. An academic advisor will guide you and provide feedback on your progress during your studies. Successful completion of the FP will result in eligibility for selected UM bachelor's programmes. The FP will assist you in the application procedure and we have placed 100% of our graduates in a bachelor's programme.

#### Programme overview

	November-December	January	February-March	April-May	June-July	Summer Graduation Start Bachelors Programme in September
<b>Content Courses (45%)</b>	Intro to Europe	Research methods OR Critical reading	Mathematics	Degree specific introductory course	Final project	
<b>Academic Skills Training (20%)</b>	Academic skills are learned through individual modules where students build good study habits					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examples of modules have included argumentation, notetaking, summary making, referencing and presentation skills</li> </ul>					
<b>Language Training (35%)</b>	IELTS or Cambridge English course (for non-native Speakers)			IELTS or Academic Writing English Course		
<b>Beyond the classroom</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrival support and information</li> <li>• Academic advising</li> <li>• Social and cultural events</li> <li>• Access to Maastricht university services and facilities</li> </ul>					



## How to apply

In order to apply you will need to provide us with:

- A high school diploma and grade list
- Proof of your English level
- A resume or curriculum vitae
- A motivation letter

Please check our website for a complete description of all application document requirements. You may send your documents to us via [fp-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:fp-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl) or the “apply now” button on our website.

Please note: To enroll in the FP you must be at least 17 years old by the start of the programme. Upon submission of a complete application, you can typically expect an admission decision within two to four weeks.

## Admission dates & deadlines

If you need a visa or have extra immigration requirements to study in the Netherlands, you must apply on time or your application will not be accepted. If you apply before our early applicant deadline of April 15, you will receive a tuition discount of €500.

Application Type	Deadline	Programme Dates
Early Applicants (€500 discount)	April 15 2020	October 26 2020- July 10 2021
Applicants with a visa requirement	August 1 2020	
Applicants with no visa requirement	September 15 2020	

## Costs

The Programme fee for the 2020/2021 Academic year is €14,000 excluding housing and living costs. Native and near native English speakers can apply for an exemption for part of the English language curriculum in exchange for a €2000 programme fee reduction.

## About Maastricht University

UM is the most international university in the Netherlands with more than 50 percent International students. UM stands out for its innovative Problem Based Learning method, international character, and its multidisciplinary approach to research and education. Thanks to its high-quality research and study programmes, as well as a strong focus on social engagement, UM has quickly built up a solid reputation. Today UM is considered one of the top-ranked young universities in the world.

## What our students have to say

*“The Foundation Programme helped me get settled in Maastricht. It helped me arrange the essential stuff such as insurance, banking and so on. More importantly, it also helped me find discipline and create schedules. I even got an agenda like all Dutch persons, and now I plan everything ahead (sometimes weeks before). It refreshed some knowledge that I had forgotten and it gave me the confidence to believe I could definitely fit in at Maastricht University.”*

Daniela, Colombia

*“The teachers in the Foundation Programme helped me develop learning strategies that I now practice in my bachelor studies. Debates in the study group led to an in-depth understanding of the topics I studied, plus I became more critical in my learning. I find that although PBL is more work and preparation, it provided me a greater drive and higher motivation to learn.”*

Thomas, The Philippines

## Contact details

If you have any questions please contact us and we will be glad to assist you.

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