The Foundation Programme (FP) is for motivated, international students who want to do a bachelor’s programme at Maastricht University (UM) but do not meet the entry requirements. The one-year, full-time Foundation Programme consists of four parts:

- Content courses
- English language training
- Academic skills training
- Cultural & social events

**Programme information**

So far, FP students have successfully enrolled in the following programmes after the Foundation Programme:

- International Business
- Economics and Business Economics
- European Public Health
- University College Maastricht
- Maastricht Science Programme
- European Law School
- University College Venlo
- Data Science and Knowledge Engineering
- Econometrics & Operations Research

In the near future we will train for more bachelor programmes. Please check our website (www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/fp) for the latest updates.

**Assessment**

During the FP you will be assessed continually using regular written assignments, presentations and examinations. You can only begin with your bachelor’s programme if you have passed the entire FP. Successfully completing the Foundation Programme makes students eligible for (selected) Maastricht University bachelor programmes. Some programmes have additional application requirements. We assist you during the application procedure and to date we have placed 100% of our graduates in a bachelor’s programme.

**Programme content**

The table below shows the current content of the economics track as an example:

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How to apply
To apply send the following documents to fp-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl:

- a certified copy of your original high school diploma, including a grade list, along with an official English translation
- proof of, at least, an overall 5.5 on an IELTS exam (or equivalent) with a minimum of 5.0 in writing
- a copy of your (valid) passport
- an updated resume
- a motivation letter (minimum 500 words), outlining why you are interested in the Foundation Programme and the subsequent bachelor programme

Note: to enrol in the Foundation Programme you must be at least 17 years old.

Costs
The programme fee for 2019/2020 is €14,000, excluding housing and other costs of living.
(Near) Native English speakers (IELTS 8.0 or higher) can apply for an exemption for (part of) the English course in exchange for €2,000 fee reduction.

Dates & deadlines
You can apply for the Foundation Programme throughout the year. If you need a study visa we would advise you to apply before the end of August. Students who apply before April 15 get a discount of €500 on their tuition fee.

- Early bird application deadline – April 15, 2019
- Class start date – October 28, 2019

About Maastricht University
Maastricht University (UM) is the most international university in the Netherlands and stands out for its innovative Problem-Based Learning system, international character and multidisciplinary approach to research and education.

UM is ranked as the 5th best young university in the world (Times Higher Education ranking). For more information, please check: www.maastrichtuniversity.nl

Why UM Foundation Programme?
- Tailor-made training programme
- Small-scale, student-oriented approach
- International community
- The great hospitality and student-friendly environment of Maastricht
- 1+3 years = a bachelor’s degree

“The most important thing in the Foundation Programme is that you practise speaking English and learn how to communicate with people from other countries and cultures. We have also studied basic math, which helps me a lot to understand economical math in my bachelor. Finally, Problem-based learning was a completely different and new educational system for me. The Foundation program helped me a lot to learn how to study in the PBL system, and this year I am doing it much more efficient.”

Kiana, Iran

“As an Egyptian, born and raised in Dubai, moving to the Netherlands was quite a big change for me. I have definitely experienced “Culture shock” because of the sudden change in the way people live, the attitude and well, the culture of course. However, I quickly learned to adapt with the help of my tutors and friends from the FP. I truly believe that I wouldn’t be as comfortable with my current studies without my foundation year.”

Hana, Egypt

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

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