The admission requirements for academic year 2019/20 for the bachelor’s programme Fiscal Economics depend on your prior qualifications. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

- **Previous education**
- **Mathematics requirement**
- **Required documents for the application procedure**
- **Additional information**

**Privacy statement matching procedure**
Read more about the privacy statement for the matching procedure

**Previous education**

**Prospective students with a Dutch diploma**

You are admissible if you have one of the diplomas stated below:

- VWO diploma ‘Natuur en Techniek’
- VWO diploma ‘Natuur en Gezondheid’
- VWO diploma ‘Economie en Maatschappij’
- VWO diploma ‘Cultuur en Maatschappij’ + wisA or wisB
- HBO propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisA or wisB
- OU propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisA or wisB

**Prospective students with a non-Dutch diploma**

If you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma you are, in principle, admissible to this programme. Check if this applies for your diploma.

[List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2019/2020](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl):

**Mathematics requirements**

**Mathematics requirement**

For this bachelor’s programme, certain Dutch mathematics courses (or a foreign equivalent) are compulsory. The courses equivalent to Dutch mathematics courses are:

- German “Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife”: Grundkurs Mathematics
- Belgian “Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs”: Mathematics at least 3 hours per week in the last 2 years.
- “International Baccalaureate” from Geneva: Mathematics SL or HL, Further Mathematics in HL
- European Baccalaureate: Mathematics at least 3 hours per week in the final 2 years
- British A/AS-levels, (I)GCE’s and/or AICE: Mathematics GCE A- or AS level

**Mathematics deficiency**

Students who do not have the required mathematics level, have a so-called mathematics deficiency. The mathematics deficiency has to be cleared before the start of the bachelor’s first year. To help you meet the mathematic requirement, we offer an online mathematics course and an online exam. Please [click here](https://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl) for more information regarding mathematics deficiency.

**Questions?**

If you have questions about the mathematics requirement, please contact:

**Student Services Centre (SSC)**

study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

+31 43 3885388 and Whatsapp: +31 6200 44 571 (Mon-Fri from 8.30 to 17.00)

[Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) (messenger)

[Twitter](https://twitter.com)

[Instagram](https://www.instagram.com)
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Matching Survey

After the Student Services Centre has checked your admissibility, we will send out the so-called Matching survey via email.

Please note: the admission and registration process for studying at Maastricht University has changed. Matching (Studiekeuzecheck) is no longer mandatory in the process and your registration can be finalised without having completed the Matching procedure.

The matching survey is aimed at helping you decide to whether this is the right programme for you. If you like to fill out the matching survey, you will receive an advice via email. This advice is not binding, which means you can always start the programme as long as you have applied before the deadline (1 April for non-EU/EEA-students, 1 May for EU/EEA-students).

Questions?
If you have questions regarding the matching procedure or International Classroom requirement, please contact:

SBE Admissions Office
matching-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Language requirements

This bachelor is taught in English and Dutch. You must therefore have a thorough active and passive command of both languages.

Language requirements for Dutch-language bachelor and master programmes

As Dutch is the language of instruction in this study programme, students must be proficient in the Dutch language. A minimum level corresponding to NT2-II (Dutch as a second language) is required for this study programme.

You automatically meet the language requirements for this study programme if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- you have completed a HAVO or VWO high school programme
- you have completed a HBO or WO study programme in Dutch
- you have completed a prior study programme outside of the Netherlands with Dutch as a second language. Candidates automatically meet the language requirement for a Dutch UM bachelor's or master's degree programme if they have obtained the following diplomas or certificates outside the Netherlands:
  - Belgium, Flanders: Diploma of Secondary Education
Belgium, Wallonia: Diploma of Secondary Education with Dutch as an exam subject.
Germany: Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife with Niederländisch as "Prüfungsfach" or "Leistungsfach"
Suriname: VWO diploma or HBO (P) Diploma
United Kingdom: GCE A-level or GCE AS-level in Dutch
France: Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général: Dutch as first, second or third language
European Baccalaureate: Dutch as first or second language
International Baccalaureate: Dutch A at Standard Level or Higher Level, Dutch B at Higher Level
Certificate Dutch as a Foreign Language (CNaVT): Educatief Startbekwaam (STRT) and Educatief Professioneel (EDUP) or Profiel Taalvaardigheid Hoger Onderwijs (PTHO)

- you can adhere to the language requirement in a different way, for example by obtaining a certificate Staatsexamen Nederlands als tweede taal, minimum level II (NT2-II), or a similar certification such as via the CNaVT*

Please note that UM can reject your application or set additional requirements if there are reasonable doubts about your Dutch language proficiency. If you already have a language test certificate, we strongly recommend that you submit this certificate as part of your application.

* See http://cnavt.org/en/introduction for Educatief Startbekwaam (STRT) and Educatief Professional (EDUP) (admission higher education)

**Language requirements for English-language bachelor 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. A minimum level corresponding to academic IELTS 6.0 is required for this study programme.

You automatically meet the language requirements for this study programme if one or more of the following conditions apply:

- you have completed a VWO (Dutch pre-university education) programme
- you have completed your VWO equivalent secondary education in an EU/EEA country where you have followed English up to and including the final year
- you have completed your secondary education in a country where English is the national language and language of instruction in education
- you have completed a bachelor’s or master’s study programme where the language of instruction is English
- you have obtained an International or European Baccalaureate, a US high school diploma or UK GCE A-levels
- you have completed secondary education, a bachelor’s or master’s study programme where the language of instruction is NOT English, however, you are able to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in English, for example by English taught courses, internships or work experience in an English environment.

If none of these conditions apply, you can submit one of the following language test certificates (minimum scores between brackets). If you already have a language test certificate, we strongly recommend that you submit this certificate as part of your application.
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- IELTS (6.0)
- TOEFL Paper-based test (550)
- TOEFL Internet test (80)
- TOEIC listening and reading (670) and speaking and writing (290)
- Cambridge [First Certificate in English (FCE) Grade B (scale 173-175), First Certificate in English (FCE) Grade C (scale 169-172)]
- or similar accredited certification

Please note that UM can reject your application or set additional requirements if there are reasonable doubts about your English language proficiency.

Additional information

Possibility of enrolment in the second year and exemptions for the entire first year

If you have successfully completed courses equivalent to the first year for an SBE study programme (at the same university level), you may qualify for exemptions. Students, who do not switch between SBE study programmes, but switch from another university to SBE, cannot be exempted from parts of the first-year programme (so for separate, individual courses of the first-year of the Bachelor study programme concerned), but only from the entire first-year of the Bachelor’s study programme. To use this possibility, you must submit a request for exemptions to the Board of Examiners. If your request has been approved, you can enroll in the second year.

Read more
Important information regarding exemptions and how to apply for them

Binding Study Advice

This programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 47 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to earn enough credits will receive a negative Binding Study Advice that leads to exclusion from the programme for a period of six years. All students who are at risk of receiving a negative Binding Study Advice will receive a warning after the first semester.