Admission requirements

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

Prospective students with a Dutch diploma

You are directly admissible if you have one of the following diplomas:

- Dutch vwo-diploma, new style, all profiles
- Dutch vwo-diploma, old style, preferably with mathematics
- hbo-propedeuse, or bachelor’s degree, preferably with mathematics
- OU-propedeuse, preferably with mathematics

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.

Prospective students who do not meet the admission requirements

List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch vwo diploma 2019/20

If your diploma is not included in this list, it must be evaluated by UM first.
If you do not meet the requirements, you can still qualify by passing the entrance exam (colloquium doctum exam). You should at least be 21.

The Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences (FHML) does not organise a colloquium doctum exam, but the Board of Examiners can issue a colloquium doctum certificate. To qualify for this certificate you have to proof your command of the **English language and mathematics** on vwo level by means of certificates in these two subjects.

You can send the certificates to ec-health@maastrichtuniversity.nl. The FHML will then send you the colloquium doctum certificate. This certificate proves that you master the two subjects and based on that, you could be admitted to the bachelor’s in Health Sciences at Maastricht University.

You have to arrange obtaining the certificates yourself.

- If you only need to take the preliminary mathematics exam, we refer to: [CCVX](https://ccvx.com) (Dutch)
- You can take Mathematics Courses at: [Boswell-Beta](https://boswell-beta.nl) (Dutch)
- For English language courses we refer to: [Babel](https://babel.nl) (Dutch)
- Or take a language course at the [UM-language centre](https://www.umc.nl)

**Uploading in MyUM**

You have to upload the colloquium doctum certificate in MyUM, as soon as you have received it.

You should also send a certified copy of the colloquium doctum certificate along with your contact details and a copy of your passport to:

Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences  
Institute for Education – Education Office  
Att. Secretary Board of Examiners Health  
PO Box 616, 6200 MD Maastricht, the Netherlands  
ec-health@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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

**Exemptions**

Students who are of the opinion that they have already obtained comparable subjects earlier can request exemptions. The subjects must be equivalent in terms of content, study hours and level.

A request for exemption can only be considered if you have already registered.

For more information about exemptions, you can send an email to the Board of Examiners of FHML: [ec-health@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ec-health@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

*(Binding)* study advice

At the end of year 1 of the study programme, every student receives advice on whether or not to continue his/her study. This advice is not binding. However, students must meet predetermined requirements documented in the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of the study programme.