Maastricht University

Advanced Master in Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Management

Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the advanced master's programme in Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Management for the *academic year 2024-2025*.

Important deadlines for this study programme

The master's programme in Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Management starts in September. The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start in September 2024.

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines when applying for this study programme are provided in the table below.

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Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2023	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025
Up to and including 1 June 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for **EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA** applicants **Please note:** non-EU/EEA applicants require a visa or residence permit.

General requirements: previous education

This programme is designed for highly educated professionals (computer scientists, lawyers, policy makers) with several years of professional experience in and/or affinity with issues in the field of privacy, data protection and cybersecurity.

The admission requirements for academic year 2024/25 for the advanced master's programme in Privacy, Cybersecurity and Data Management depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

To be admitted to this programme, you must have completed a university bachelor's or master's study programme in one of the fields listed below **and** fulfil the conditions listed under 'Additional requirements'.

- law or related fields such as economics, political science or international relations
- business or related studies
- computer science or a related field

Additional requirements

English language requirements

In order to be admitted to the programme, you must demonstrate a proficient knowledge of English language (EER, Art. 21*). In order to do so you may submit the appropriate certificate (Bachelors of Master's degree obtained in English, TOEFL certificate (min. 6.5 with 6.5 in writing), CPE or CAE under the task 'Prove English language proficiency' in the MyApplication portal.

Alternatively, if you attained the equivalent level of English language proficiency in the course of your professional career or, as a result of your personal life trajectory, you may request Board of Admissions to accept other evidence of your language skill; this can be in the form of showing extensive work experience internationally (English language) or study abroad (English language, minimum 6 months).

You will find more information about specific requirements and the EER here.

Documents required for application process

During the application process for this study programme, you will need to complete a number of tasks for which you will often have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

A recent portrait picture
This picture must satisfy certain requirements.

A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.

A copy of your most recent certified grades transcript and a copy of your certified diploma if you have obtained it.*If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme*

- **Letter of motivation**
  All candidates must write a well-prepared and structured letter of motivation for this specific master's programme. The letter should explain your motivation for choosing this specific master's programme. It should also include an overview of what you intend to learn and how this programme fits into your future professional plans. The letter must be dated and addressed to the Board of Admissions of the Faculty of Law.

- **Documents that demonstrate your proficiency in English**
  The language proficiency certificate as mentioned under 'English Language requirements' on this page.

- **Curriculum Vitae**

Please note: only complete registrations will be taken into consideration. All documents must be in **Dutch**, **English** or **German**.

How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying to this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this in this section.

The selection process will be conducted by the Admissions Board consisting of at least 3 members of Maastricht University affiliated with the programme.

The quality of your application will be evaluated following the order of criteria outlined in Art. 24 EER. Professional experience demonstrating prior knowledge of the areas listed above will be a key factor in the assessment. In case you have no or limited professional experience, the Board of Admissions will prioritise academic merit and your motivation to follow the programme.