Maastricht University

[Artificial Intelligence](#)

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 master's programme in Artificial Intelligence for *academic year 2024-2025*.

Important deadlines for study programme application

- *The master's in Artificial Intelligence has **two intakes**: September and February*
- *The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start in September 2024 and February 2025.*

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

Note: if you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend that you use landscape mode.

Start in September 2024 (academic year 2024-2025)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2023	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025 (study start in September 2024)
Up to and including 1 May 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for **non-EU/EEA** applicants [(these applicants require a visa or residence permit)](#)
Up to and including 1 June 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the **EU/EEA or Switzerland**
31 August 2024, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL/IELTS) for all applicants

Please note:

- The programme in Artificial Intelligence is listed under the '**[transnationale Universiteit Limburg (tUL)](#)**' in the 'My courses' tab in Studielink. Maastricht University (UM) is part of the tUL; this programme is taught at UM just like our other master's programmes
- In Studielink you also need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select September 2024 if you start on 1 September 2024
- Find out if you can apply for [a scholarship](#) or [financial aid](#). Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above

Start in February 2025 (academic year 2024-2025)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 July 2024	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025 (study start in February 2025)

Date	What you need to know about this date
Up to and including 1 November 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for **non-EU/EEA** applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit)
Up to and including 1 December 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the **EU/EEA or Swizerland**
Up to and including 31 January 2025, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL/IELTS) for all applicants

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- In Studielink you also need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select February 2025 if you start on 1 February 2025
- Find out if you can apply for a scholarship or financial aid. Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2024-2025 for the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Graduates from related programmes at Maastricht, Hasselt and Aachen universities

Graduates from the following bachelor's programmes qualify directly for admission:

- Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (formerly known as Data Science and Knowledge Engineering) from Maastricht University, BSc

- Computer Science from Maastricht University, BSc

- Computer Science from Hasselt University, BSc

- Angewandte Mathematik und Informatik (formerly known as Scientific Programming) from Aachen University (MATSE), BSc

- Computer Science from Zuyd Hogeschool including a bridging minor that is approved by the UM Department of Advanced Computing Sciences. (see 'Graduates from a university of applied sciences' below for more details)

Graduates from the following bachelor's programmes qualify for admissions:

- Maastricht Science Programme from Maastricht University, BSc (depending on curriculum)

- Maastricht University BSc Business Engineering (depending on curriculum)

Note: you must have passed all your bachelor's requirements by 31 August at the latest for the September intake or by 31 January for the February intake.

Graduates from other institutes

You will be considered for admission by the Board of Admissions if you have a bachelor's degree or an equivalent diploma in a programme such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science or Technical Data Science.

Graduates from a research university

You can be admitted to the programme if your qualification provides sufficient preparation both in terms of academic level and content. The level of your degree should be equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a research university in the Netherlands; here the guidelines of Nuffic (the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education) will be taken into account, as well as the national standing of your university and the grades you have obtained.

The required competences are:

- **Computer science**: including software development, data structures & algorithms
- **Programming**: experience in object-oriented languages e.g. Java, C#, C++, Python
- **Mathematics**: including calculus, linear algebra, probability and statistics

Graduates from a university of applied sciences

Graduates from Zuyd Hogeschool
Bachelor's students graduating from the Computer Science programme at Zuyd Hogeschool, who have completed a particular set of minors at their own institution and additionally have completed a bridging minor at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences during their studies, are directly admissible to the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence programme. Contact your study advisor at Zuyd Hogeschool for more details.

Graduates from other universities of applied sciences
Students with a degree from other universities of applied sciences (Dutch HBO or international equivalent) in a related field could gain access to the master's programme upon successful completion of a one-semester pre-master's programme.

We have rolling admissions. The earlier you apply, the earlier you will know whether or not you have a place in the programme. We advise you to apply as early as possible, especially if you think you are likely to receive a pre-master's advice. We suggest you apply at least one month before the deadline.

[More information about the pre-master's programme for the MSc in Artificial Intelligence](#)

In case of deficiencies in your prior knowledge, the Board of Admissions may offer you a one-semester pre-master programme at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences. If you complete the pre-master successfully in one semester, you are directly admissible to the master's programme.

The pre-master programme is tailor-made based on your previous knowledge and skills. [For more information, please contact dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

For applicants with a non-EEA diploma it is not possible to apply for our premaster's programmes directly. You will have to apply for one of our regular master's programmes first (to be found in Studielink with the 'transnationale Universiteit Limburg'). If your credentials and previous education are insufficient to qualify for direct admission into one of our master's programmes, the Board of Admissions will determine whether a pre-master programme can be offered.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master 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.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.

Do you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

Applicants who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [Handling fee page](#).

Exemptions

You can apply for course exemptions if you have completed courses at a recognized and accredited higher education institution that were similar in terms of content and level.

For more information please contact the Board of Examiners at dacs-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Documents required for the 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 passport picture***
  The passport 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 list of grades**

- **A copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it
  If you have obtained a diploma for more relevant studies than one, please upload all diplomas and grade transcripts.

- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
  List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.

- **A motivation essay**
  Give good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University, and why you expect that you can successfully complete the programme.

As a current UM student it is not necessary to upload these documents in the MyApplication portal. Unless your passport is not valid on 1 September 2024; in that case you do have to upload a new copy of your passport.

Documents that might be required depending on your (academic) background

- **Course descriptions** (in English) of the **mathematics and computer science courses** that are listed on your grade transcript
  We always advise you to provide this document, especially if your grade transcript does not contain the same course names as the topics mentioned in the [admission requirements](#).

- **Evidence of other courses or tests in mathematics/computer sciences** that are not part of your grade transcript, but which you think are relevant to assess your application (for instance an additional online programming course)
  Advised for all applicants.

- **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English**
  Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.

Please note:

- Only **complete** applications will be reviewed.
- Your **curriculum vitae and motivation essay** should be **in English.**
- All **other documents** may be handed in in **English, Dutch or German**.

How do we assess your application?

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

Based on the documents you have submitted and the admission procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to admit you. Once UM has made a decision on your admissibility, you will be informed about this by email.