



**English**  
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**Full Time**  
Format



**September**  
Start date



**Maastricht**  
Location

## Bachelor Data Science and Artificial Intelligence

Data Science and AI are everywhere: TikTok, games, self-driving cars, virtual assistants. Love solving complex problems? Curious how data and AI can be used to make smart choices? Join our bachelor's in Data Science & AI and start shaping the future!

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## 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 bachelor's programme in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence for the *academic year 2026-2027*. Questions about admission requirements? Contact us via [study@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:study@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

## Application deadlines

*The bachelor's programme in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence starts in September. The deadlines below are*

*applicable for applicants who want to start their studies in September 2026.*

**Note:** If you are viewing this webpage on your smartphone, we recommend using landscape mode.

| Date                                     | What you need to know about this date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| As soon as possible after 1 October 2025 | Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 1 April 2026, 23:59 CET                  | Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have a <b>non-EU/EEA nationality</b> (in most cases, you will need a visa and/or residence permit)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1 May 2026, 23:59 CET                    | Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have an <b>EU/EEA or Swiss nationality</b><br><br>If applicable: deadline for submitting additional math details if you have a <b>non-EU/EEA nationality</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 1 June 2026, 23:59 CET                   | If applicable: deadline for submitting additional math details if you have an <b>EU/EEA or Swiss nationality</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1 August 2026                            | Strongly recommended deadline for <a href="#">paying the tuition fee</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 31 August 2026, 23:59 CET                | Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal**, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>⦿ If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results</li><li>⦿ If applicable: deadline for submitting extra math test result if you have an <b>EU/EEA or Swiss nationality</b></li></ul><br>Note: If you <a href="#">need a visa or residence permit</a> , you must complete most tasks by an earlier |

date.

*\*Studielink is the national registration system for higher education,*

*\*\*The MyApplication portal is Maastricht University's application and enrolment platform.*

**Please note:** In Studielink you need to **choose the starting moment**. Please make sure to select **September 2026** in the pulldown menu: for the start of the next academic year.

## Visa/residence permit for study

**Are you a non-EU/EEA national requiring a visa/residence permit for study? Click here for — more information**

Please note that Maastricht University can **only** formally apply for your [visa/residence permit](#) if you have met all admission and enrolment requirements.

This means you have to have completed all admission and enrolment tasks in the MyApplication portal (except the 'visa/residence permit'-task and the 'send certified copy of diploma'-task) before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service).

We have to send the application to the IND before 1 July if you are starting your studies in September. Please note: a few pre-master and master programmes offer a start in February. If your study programme offers a start in February and you want to start your studies in February, we have to send the application to the IND before 1 December. You can find out if your study programme offers a start in February on the admission requirements web page of that programme ([pre-master's](#), [master's](#)).

Therefore, we **strongly recommend** that you reconsider applying for this study programme if you are not sure that you will meet the following requirements before 1 July/1 December (if applicable in your situation):

- ⦿ Having remedied all subject and/or language deficiencies (if applicable)

- ⦿ Having qualified for admission to your study programme, including being selected ([if applicable to your study programme](#)) AND
  - ⦿ Having paid the tuition fee for your study programme
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## General requirements: previous qualifications

The admission requirements for the academic year 2026-2027 for the bachelor's programme in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

### Applicants with a Dutch diploma —

You qualify for admission if you have one of the following diplomas:

- ⦿ VWO diploma with mathematics B
  - ⦿ A relevant HBO 'propedeuse' or bachelor's degree, math and English requirements apply
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### Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma —

For this bachelor's programme, you need a diploma equivalent to a Dutch VWO diploma and you need to meet the additional admission requirements.

#### Non-Dutch diploma equivalent to Dutch VWO diploma

You meet the general admission requirements to Maastricht University if you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to a Dutch VWO diploma. Please see the list below for the most common international diplomas:

➤ [Non-Dutch diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2026-2027](#)

If your diploma is not in the list, it will be evaluated by UM during the application process.

### Additional mathematics requirements

Next to the diploma equivalent, you must meet the additional mathematics requirements. You can find them here:

➤ [Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2026-2027](#)

If your mathematics is not listed, it needs to be evaluated individually upon applying to our study programme.

### Additional language requirements

[Go to the English language requirements on this page.](#)

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## You have a VWO diploma or equivalent, but do not meet our mathematics requirements

If you do not have the [required diploma](#), or if you do not meet the [additional subject requirements](#), there are several ways to eliminate your deficiency depending on your background.

## Eliminating a mathematics deficiency

UM will always check whether you meet the general and mathematics requirements for admission, and you will be informed if you do not meet the mathematics requirements. If you do meet the general requirements for admission but not meet the mathematics requirement, there are several options available:

- ⦿ You can take our on-site entrance exam at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences in Maastricht. For questions about the entrance exam that will take place in June 2026, please contact our Admissions Officer via [dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl)
- ⦿ You can take an additional VWO Mathematics B course and/or exam with an **external institute**:
  - Dutch (speaking) applicants can take a VWO

Mathematics B exam at, for example, [NHA](#) or [LOI](#).

- All applicants can take the VWO Mathematics B course and test (or test only) offered by [the Boswell Institute](#). We advise a minimum result of 7 in order to successfully complete the first year of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence programme.
- All applicants can take the online [OMPT-D test](#). There is a maximum of two attempts to pass this test with at least 60%.
- For applicants proficient in Dutch, deficiencies can also be lifted by obtaining 'vwo-deelcertificaten'.

Please take note of the **deadlines** for submitting an extra math test result; these are provided in the table under 'Application deadlines' on this page.

### **When am I eligible for the options mentioned above?**

You have a [VWO diploma or equivalent](#), but do not meet our mathematics requirements.

**Please note:** Maastricht University does not have a corporate agreement with external institutes and therefore cannot help you with applying for mathematics courses or exams offered by external parties.

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## **You don't have a VWO or HBO-propaedeutic diploma, and you are 21 years of age or older**

If you don't have the required diploma, you might still qualify for admission by passing the Colloquium Doctum (CD). If you pass the CD you will qualify for admission.

If you wish to apply based on the CD, please:

- ⦿ indicate this in Studielink
- ⦿ upload a personal statement in your application portal stating you wish to apply based on the Colloquium Doctum.

For questions about the CD, please contact our admissions officer via [dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl).

# Additional requirements

## Language requirements for English-language 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 Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma?

**Yes**

**No**

## Applicants whose diploma is based on a non-EU-EEA curriculum (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme whose diploma is based on a non-EU/EEA curriculum are required to pay a handling fee. This applies even if the educational institution is located within the EU/EEA, as the fee is based on the curriculum, not the location of the institution. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [handling fee page](#).

## Exemptions

If you have followed courses at a university of applied sciences (HBO) or a research university before, you may qualify for exemptions. This means you could use the credits you obtained elsewhere for your study programme at Maastricht University.

The Board of Examiners will determine whether this is possible in your case. They will compare the content and level of your

previous education with the course or subject for which you are requesting an exemption. To make use of this possibility, you must submit an exemption request to the study programme's Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners will only consider a request for exemption once you are enrolled in the study programme. This means you first need to apply for and be admitted to the first year of the Data Science and Artificial Intelligence programme.

Do you have questions about credit transfer or do you think you might qualify for any exemptions? [Email the programme's Board of Examiners at: dacs-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto: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 portrait photo**

*This picture must satisfy certain requirements. You can find these requirements in the task description 'Upload portrait photo' in the MyApplication portal.*

- ⦿ **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

*Scan the personal details page(s). Save this copy as 'passport copy' (and not as 'passport picture').*

- ⦿ **A copy of your most recent grades transcript, and/or a certified copy of your diploma** if you have already obtained it.

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

### 🕒 **Proof of your language proficiency in English**

*Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language bachelor's 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.*

### 🕒 **Proof of your proficiency in mathematics with evidence of additional courses or tests in mathematics**

*If you have been notified by the Student Services Centre that you do not meet the mathematics admission requirements - directly or after you have been asked to upload more details-, you will need to pass an extra math test (see 'Eliminating a mathematics deficiency' on this page) and provide us with your results.*

### 🕒 **Permission for document verification form**

*If your diploma is not verified by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch government agency responsible for education-related matters), you will need to upload the form 'Permission for document verification' in the MyApplication portal. This form allows Maastricht University to verify your diploma, grades transcript or other required documents directly with the issuing institution or relevant qualification registry.*

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## How do we assess your application?

### Matching Procedure

Maastricht University finds it most important that you choose a study programme and learning environment that suits you well and in which you can be successful. This is why a Matching Procedure is an optional part of the application process. However, you are not required to complete the Matching Procedure to be qualified for admission if you have met all other requirements.

[➤ Read more about the admissions procedures in general](#)

[📄 Read more about the privacy statement for the Matching Procedure](#)

## Binding Study Advice

This study programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 45 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to meet these criteria 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.



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