



**English**  
Language



**Full Time**  
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**September**  
Start date



**Maastricht**  
Location

## Bachelor Economics and Business Economics

In the Economics and Business Economics Programme, you'll learn to apply economic theories to improve businesses and industries. Your skills will prepare you for careers in healthcare, IT, research and government sectors.

**Get in touch with us!**

## 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 Economics and Business Economics for *academic year 2026-2027*.

The bachelor's programme in Economics and Business Economics is a selective programme with selection by the educational institution. You will need to meet the International Classroom requirement in order to be considered for admission.

### Important to know:

- 🕒 You have to fill out an International Classroom Essay.

- Start your application on time. Our experience is that it may take a few weeks to complete an application.

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## Application deadlines

*The bachelor's programme in Economics and Business Economics 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 phone, we recommend using landscape mode.

| Date                                            | What you need to know about this date                                                                                                                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>As soon as possible after 1 October 2025</b> | Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October)                                                                                               |
| <b>15 January 2026, 23:59 CET</b>               | Early deadline for submitting the International Classroom Essay (EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA-applicants)                                                                                         |
| <b>1 April 2026, 23:59 CET</b>                  | Ultimate deadline for completing the entire application process if you have a <b>non-EU/EEA nationality</b> (in most cases, you will need a <a href="#">visa and/or residence permit</a> ) |
| <b>15 April 2026</b>                            | Outcome International Classroom Essay if submitted before 15 January                                                                                                                       |
| <b>1 May 2026, 23:59 CET</b>                    | Ultimate deadline for completing the entire application process if you have an <b>EU/EEA or Swiss nationality</b>                                                                          |
| <b>1 August 2026</b>                            | Strongly recommended deadline for <a href="#">paying the tuition fee</a>                                                                                                                   |
| <b>31 August 2026, 23:59</b>                    | Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal**                                                                                                                            |

If you need a [visa or residence permit](#), 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.*

## 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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## Previous education

### Applicants with a Dutch diploma —

If you have one of the diplomas stated below then, in principle, you qualify for admission:

- ⦿ 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
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### Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma —

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

- [List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2026-2027](#)
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## Mathematics requirement

For this bachelor's programme, certain Dutch mathematics courses or a foreign equivalent are compulsory. You can find an overview of the required mathematics courses here:

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

If your diploma is not included in this list, it must be evaluated first. UM will assess whether you can demonstrate sufficient

knowledge in Mathematics on individual basis.

### Questions?

If you have questions about the mathematics requirement, please check the [FAQ](#) or contact us at [study@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:study@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

## Clear your mathematics deficiency or refresh your mathematics skills

Students who do not meet 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 preparatory math course** and an **online exam**.

Do you meet the mathematics requirement, but still want to improve your mathematics skills? You can follow the **online preparatory math course** without having to take the exam. Mathematics and statistics are essential in this programme. Our experience learns that quite a lot of students are not sufficiently prepared for the introductory courses that start right away in September. To avoid problems during those first months, we designed this online preparatory math course.

 More information about the [online math course and exam](#)

➤ **Online preparatory math course:** [more information](#)

➤ **Online math exam (deficiency exam):** [more information](#)

## Required documents for the application procedure

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.

## Questions

If you have questions regarding the International Classroom requirement, please contact:

### SBE Admissions Office

✉ [ebeadmissions-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ebeadmissions-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

## Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

### ⦿ A recent passport picture

*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 diploma (if already obtained)

### ⦿ A copy of your grades transcripts of the last two years of secondary school

### ⦿ International Classroom Essay

*The International Classroom Essay is an admission requirement to see whether you have an internationally orientated profile. Your motivation, plans for the future and way of looking at the world around you are also important in the assessment.*

*This International Classroom Essay is a webform which will be made available in the MyApplication portal after you have met the admission requirements. There are six questions you need to answer. The suggested answer length per question is 200 words, with a maximum of 250 words per answer.*

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

### ⦿ Proof of mathematics proficiency

*If you do not meet the [required mathematics level](#), you have to clear your mathematics deficiency by taking part in the [online preparatory math course and passing the online exam](#).*

### ⦿ Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English

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

### ⦿ 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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## 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

## 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 here.

If you submit the International Classroom Essay and if you meet the other admission criteria (diploma requirement and mathematics requirement), your application will be assessed by the International Classroom committee. If the outcome of your essay is sufficient, you will be admitted to the programme. If the outcome of your essay is not sufficient to meet the International Classroom-criteria, we will reject your application. This means that you will not be able to start the bachelor's programme in Economics and Business Economics. This decision will also be valid for the bachelor's programme in International Business, since the International Classroom-requirement is the same for both programmes.

- For more information please see the [Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations \(EER\) 2025-2026](#)

## Additional info

### 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 of a School of Business and Economics (SBE) bachelor's study programme (at the same university level), you may qualify for exemptions. Students who transfer from another university to SBE (not between SBE bachelor's programmes at UM), cannot be exempted from parts of the first-year programme (i.e. cannot be exempted from separate, individual courses of the first-year of the bachelor's programme concerned), but only from the entire first year of the bachelor's study programme. To apply for an exemption, you have to

submit a request to the Board of Examiners. If your request has been approved, you can enrol in the second year.

Please note that the exemptions deadline is **1 July 2026**: if we have not received correct and completely filled out forms before this date, your request will not be taken into account.

**i** More information regarding [exemptions and how to apply for them](#).

## 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](#).



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