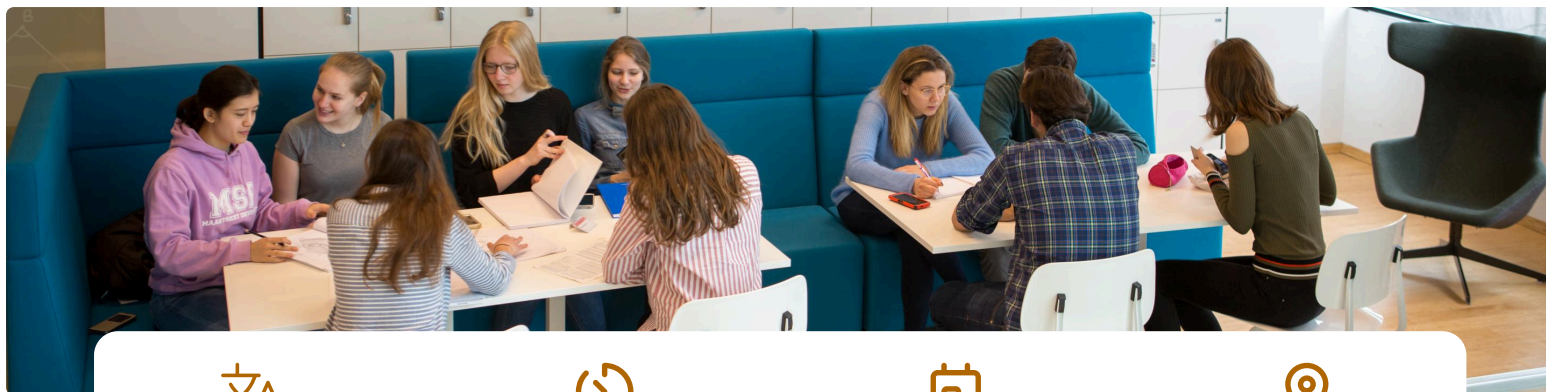




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September
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Maastricht
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Bachelor Maastricht Science Programme

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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 Maastricht Science Programme (MSP) for the *academic year 2026-2027*.

Application deadlines

The Maastricht Science Programme starts in September. Please note that it is no longer possible to start this programme in February.

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
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 non-EU/EEA nationality (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 EU/EEA or Swiss nationality
29 May 2026, 17:00 CET	Deadline for completing the entire Selection procedure (including interview)
1 August 2026	Strongly recommended deadline for paying the tuition fee
31 August 2026, 23:59 CET	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.*

Please note regarding Studielink:

- ⦿ At MSP, we review applications on a rolling basis, so you can apply at any time up until the deadline. However, with limited spots available, we highly encourage you to apply as soon as possible. By submitting your application early, you maximize your chances of securing a place and joining our vibrant community. Don't wait until the deadline—take the initiative and apply today!
- ⦿ All applications which have **not been completed by the deadline** (by uploading all required documents, see

‘Documents required for application process’ on this page) will **not be taken into consideration**.

- ⦿ For Maastricht Science Programme, please choose **Liberal Arts & Sciences (MSP)** in Studielink.
- ⦿ In Studielink you need to **choose the starting moment**. Please make sure to **select September 2026** in the dropdown menu if you want to start in September 2026.

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

General requirements: previous education

You qualify for admission to MSP if you have a Dutch VWO diploma or an international equivalent thereof, including evident proof on science and calculus courses.

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Below, you can find an overview of diplomas that are recognised as an international equivalent of the Dutch VWO diploma.

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

All diplomas will be assessed by UM. If you have not yet obtained the diploma, you can still apply with your most recent grades transcript.

Selection

To apply to MSP, you will have to complete a selection procedure. Selection takes place on the basis of your quality and suitability. For this, your motivation (motivation letter and interview) and previous education (diplomas, grades, science courses) are important. As MSP offers a broad science programme, you need a profound interest in the sciences. This should be evident from the courses you completed in your previous education. Having a mathematics education including calculus, especially fundamentals of differentiation and

integration, is highly recommended (this is equivalent to the Dutch wiskunde B VWO).

Additional requirements

Language requirements for this English-language bachelor's programme

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 for which you followed English up to and including the final year?

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](#).

Credit transfer

You can apply for a credit transfer if you have completed courses at a recognised and accredited higher education institution after secondary school.

Please note: Your request for credit transfer will only be taken into consideration when you have completed the admissions procedure and you are enrolled in the Maastricht Science Programme. Credits needed for meeting the basic admissions criteria cannot be considered for transfer.

The maximum number of credits that can be transferred is 30 ECTS, or one semester. Only courses completed with a sufficiently high grade can be considered for credit transfer.

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.

Please note:

- ⦿ Please make sure to upload all of the required documents, otherwise your application will not be taken into consideration. Only **complete** applications will be taken into consideration.
- ⦿ **All required documents must be uploaded/sent *before* the application deadlines** (for those deadlines, see the paragraph 'Application deadlines' on this page).
- ⦿ All documents must be in **Dutch, English or German**.

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**
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 grades transcript**
 - ⦿ **A certified copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it
 - ⦿ **A motivation letter** in English
Please use the format as mentioned on the MyApplication portal. Only then can your application be processed.
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Documents that might be required depending _ on your (academic) background

- ⦿ **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English (if applicable)**
Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for this English-language bachelor's programme' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which document(s) you can use to prove your proficiency.
 - ⦿ **Permission for document verification form (if applicable)**
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?

The Board of Admissions will review and assess your application only when all required documents are uploaded. You will then be notified if you are invited for an interview.

The admissions interview —

The interview focuses on your academic plans and how you intend to accomplish these through an education at MSP. The interview is conducted in English by one MSP staff member and lasts approximately 10-15 minutes. The interview takes place online.

After the interview —

The Board of Admissions decides whether you are invited to attend MSP. Within three weeks after the interview, you are informed about their decision.

Finalisation of your application at MSP —

After accepting our invitation to attend MSP and successfully completing the application process, you will receive an email informing you of the steps to take in order to finalise your registration at UM. Furthermore, you will receive a request to pay your tuition fee.

Binding Study Advice

MSP has a Binding Study Advice in place. Students who fail to meet the study progress 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.

➤ [Download the Maastricht Science Programme Education and Examination Regulations](#)

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