

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 Health Food Innovation Management for *academic year 2024-2025*.

Important deadlines for this study programme

- The master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management starts in September
- The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start September 2024

When you want to apply or are applying to 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.

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
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
Up to and including 31 August 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for providing the UM with information on your previous statistics education
Up to and including 1 February 2024, 23:59 CET	Application deadline for non-EU/EEA applicants who want to be considered for the UM High Potential/Holland Scholarship.

Please note:

- In Studielink you need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select **September 2024** in the pulldown menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year

The information on this page is for students who would like to start in academic year 2024-2025.

General requirements: previous education

For the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management, admission takes place on the basis of your previous education and suitability. For this, your motivation and your prior qualifications are important. Please check below which requirements apply to you for academic year 2024/2025.

Pre-master's in Health Food Innovation Management

Interested in studying this master's programme, but do not yet meet the requirements? [Consider pursuing our pre-master in Venlo!](#)

Graduates from a relevant university bachelor's programme

You qualify for admission with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university;
- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university;
- a relevant university master's degree.

Direct qualification for admission

Students who obtained a bachelor's degree at a Dutch university in Health Sciences (track Biology and Health) or in Biomedical Sciences, as well as students with a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health, qualify directly for admission. They do not need to write a letter of motivation.

Please note: you have to pass your bachelor's exam before 1 September 2024

Relevant university domains are:

- Molecular and Biophysical Life Sciences
- Psychobiology
- Human Movement Sciences
- Biology
- Pharmacy
- Chemistry
- Gezondheid en Leven
- Biomedical Sciences
- Health Sciences (track Biology and Health)
- Human Nutrition
Medicine
- Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- Molecular Life Sciences

Graduates from a university of applied sciences (HBO, Hochschule)

You qualify for admission with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university of applied sciences
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university of applied sciences

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university of applied sciences

Relevant university of applied sciences domains are:

- Biologie en Medisch Laboratoriumonderzoek
- Mens en Techniek
- Dietetics
- Nutrition
- Applied Science
- Biology
- Pharmacy
- Chemistry
- Master Duurzame en gezonde voeding
- Track: Molecular Health

Additional requirements

Statistics

Some candidates need to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute.

More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.

Please note: if statistics was part of your bachelor's programme, you will have to upload the following documents before 31 August 2024 in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Prove proficiency in statistics':

- Proof of all relevant statistics courses that you followed during your bachelor's programme
- A separate Word document with the following information:
 - Name of the course(s)
 - Number of credits you received
 - Short description of the course(s) (max. 10 sentences per course)

If you did not take any statistics courses during your previous education, please upload a document stating this.

Also send these documents by email to hfm-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Language requirements for English-language master's 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?

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](#).

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 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 certified grades transcript/diploma**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme.
- **Your curriculum vitae**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **A letter of motivation**
Please provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.

**As a 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 copy of your passport.*

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

- **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English**
Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master'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.
- **Statistics (if applicable)**
If statistics was not part of your university (of applied sciences (HBO)) bachelor's programme, you will have to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute. More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.

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 below.

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Students who have completed certain bachelor's programmes at Maastricht University qualify directly for admission. Students who graduated within another relevant university domain, have to provide a complete file which will be assessed by the Board of Admissions. An entrance interview is (in most cases) also part of the admissions process.

The interview focuses on your academic plans and how you intend to accomplish these through an education at the master's in Health Food Innovation Management. The starting point for the interview is your letter of motivation, CV and transcript. The interview is conducted in English by one or two staff members and lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. It is an informative meeting and usually takes place at Campus Venlo or, for international students, via Microsoft Teams.

Detailed information on relevant university domains and on the to be submitted documents can be found on this web page.

Assessment of your file happens on a rolling basis. This means that, once you submit a complete file, it will be presented to the Board of Admission. We will not wait until the deadline before we present your file to the Board. You will receive a decision within two to four weeks after completion of your file.

Note: only **complete** applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for this study programme' on this page.