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September
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Bachelor University College Maastricht

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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 University College Maastricht (UCM) for the *academic year 2026-2027*.

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Questions about admission? Contact us via study@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Questions about the study programme? Contact us via ucm-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Selection

At UCM, we are looking for highly motivated students with a genuine passion for academics. To find the right match between your academic interests and what UCM offers, we use a selective admissions process. Each year, we have 250 – 275 places available for new students.

Application deadlines

The bachelor's programme University College Maastricht starts in September.

The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start 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 February 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)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 April 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process if you have an EU/EEA or Swiss nationality
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:

- 🕒 When applying to UCM via Studielink, select '**Liberal Arts & Sciences (UCM)**'. At UCM, 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** will **not be taken into consideration**

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 education

The admission requirements for the academic year 2026-2027 for the bachelor's programme University College Maastricht (UCM) depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Applicants with a Dutch diploma

If you have one of the diplomas below, you - in principle - qualify for admission for this programme:

- ⦿ Dutch VWO diploma

- ⦿ HBO or OU-propaedeutic diploma
- ⦿ HBO diploma

UCM does not have any additional subject requirements. Whether you meet the previous education requirements is assessed through the Maastricht University Diploma Evaluation department. If you have not yet obtained the diploma, you can still apply with your latest grades transcript.

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 UCM. If your diploma is not included in this list, it must be evaluated by UM first.

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

UCM does not have any additional subject requirements. Whether you meet the previous education requirements is assessed through the Maastricht University Diploma Evaluation department. If you have not yet obtained the diploma, you can still apply with your latest grades transcript.

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

In some cases, it is possible to transfer credits obtained in other institutions of higher education to your UCM curriculum. The Board of Examiners determines, upon your request, whether credits obtained are eligible for credit transfer. We strongly advise you to consider beforehand whether you would like to transfer previously obtained credits to University College Maastricht. If this is the case, discuss this with your Academic Advisor (who is appointed to you after starting UCM) upon commencing your studies. In cooperation with your Academic Advisor, you can then submit a request for transfer to the Board of Examiners. This must be done no later than the last day of your first year (i.e. before the end of your second semester).

There are a few things to keep in mind when it comes to credit transfer:

- ⦿ You can only transfer credits obtained at [an \(academic\) university](#).
- ⦿ You cannot transfer credits that are part of a completed degree.
- ⦿ You cannot transfer credits that were part of your admission requirements.
- ⦿ You can transfer credits up to 60 ECTS.

The Board of Examiners will eventually determine whether the request for credit transfer is approved.

Transferring credits also has consequences for your curriculum. For instance:

- ⦿ The total amount of credits obtained at external institutions is 60 ECTS. Hence, a credit transfer can limit your freedom to follow courses at other faculties or to go abroad.
- ⦿ Because of graduation requirements, transferring credits does not automatically reduce your time at UCM.
- ⦿ Depending on the kind of courses you transfer, a credit transfer might determine your concentration or might limit your options in other ways.

To sum up, transferring credits is possible, but several factors determine whether your request will be accepted by the MSLAS-UCM Board of Examiners and whether this is beneficial for your curriculum. Sometimes a simple pre-requisite waiver, using your external experience and prior knowledge to get access to more advanced level courses, suffices.

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 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**
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 AND/OR a copy of your diploma** if you have already obtained the diploma
Note: You must graduate before 1 September 2026
 - ⦿ **A motivation letter** in English
The format can be found in the MyApplication portal
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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 documents 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?

Thinking about applying to UCM, or have you already submitted your application? Here's what you can expect from our admissions process.

UCM uses a **selective admissions process** consisting of two rounds.

First round

The Board of Admissions will review your application documents and let you know by email if you have been selected for an interview.

Second round

If selected, you will be invited for an online interview in English with a UCM academic staff member. The interview takes about **30 – 45 minutes** and focuses on your academic plans and how you see your education at UCM supporting these goals.

Final decision

Within **two to four weeks** after your interview, the Board of Admissions will let you know if you have been offered a place at UCM.

Binding Study Advice

UCM has a Binding Study Advice, which is issued by the Board of Examiners of UCM (ucm-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl) on behalf of the faculty board to each student regarding continuation or not of the study programme. 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 earn enough credits will receive a negative Binding Study Advice that leads to exclusion from all MS-LAS programmes (UCM, MSP, UCV), for a period of six years. All students who are at risk of receiving a negative Binding Study Advice will receive a warning after their first semester.

 [Download the University College Maastricht Education and Examination Regulations](#)

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