



English
Language



Full Time
Format



September
Start date



Maastricht
Location

Bachelor Arts and Culture

Learn to interpret and explain contemporary societal challenges through the lens of (Western) culture. Explore how art, science, media, and politics interrelate and shape the world, using an interdisciplinary mix of humanities and social sciences.

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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 Arts and Culture for the *academic year 2025-2026*. Questions about admission? Contact us via study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Important deadlines for application

The bachelor's programme in Arts and Culture starts in September.

The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start in September 2025.

Note: if you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend that you use landscape mode.

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2024	Studieliink is open for applications for the academic year 2025-2026
1 April 2025, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit)
1 May 2025, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland .

Please note: in Studieliink you need to **choose** the starting moment. Please make sure to select September 2025 in the dropdown-menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year.

Are you a non-EU citizen requiring a visa/residence permit for study?

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 tasks 'Arrange visa / legal residence' and 'Send certified copy of diploma') before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation 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's and master's programmes offer a start in February. If you are applying 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

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2025/26 for the bachelor's programme in Arts and Culture depend on your previous education. Check below which requirements apply to you.

Applicants with a Dutch diploma —

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

- ⦿ Dutch VWO diploma
- ⦿ HBO or OU propaedeutic diploma
- ⦿ HBO diploma

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 for your diploma.

➤ [List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2025/26](#)

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

Not the required diploma and not meeting the additional requirements

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Entrance exam, Colloquium Doctum

If you do not have the required diploma, or do not meet the additional requirements, you can still qualify for admission by passing an entrance exam (the so-called Colloquium Doctum).

If you pass the Colloquium Doctum and submit the requested proof of language proficiency, you will qualify for admission to the bachelor's programme.

> [Read more about the Colloquium Doctum](#)

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 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](#).

Credit transfer

If you have followed education at a research university or a university of applied sciences before, you may qualify for exemptions. This means you can use the results you obtained elsewhere for your programme at Maastricht University.

In practice, requests for exemptions from regular courses and skills training courses are rarely approved. Only exemption from the 30 ECTS credits in the free fifth semester is possible.

A request for exemptions will only be taken into consideration after you have enrolled in the programme as a student.

For more information on credit transfer please contact the Board of Examiners of this programme: BoE-fasos@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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 lists below give you an insight into what documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Please note:

- ⦿ Only **complete** applications will be taken into consideration.
- ⦿ All documents must be in **Dutch, English, German or French**.

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

- ⦿ **A recent portrait 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 AND/OR a copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it

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

- ⦿ **Outcome of your language test with sufficient result** (if applicable)

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.

- ⦿ **Evidence of additional courses or tests in the required subjects** (if applicable)

- ⦿ **A request for credit transfer** (if applicable)

How do we assess your application?

Matching Procedure

Part of your application procedure for Arts and Culture is a Matching Procedure (in the form of a questionnaire). The purpose of Matching is for you to gain a better understanding of the study programme you have chosen, and for you and us to

see if it fits well with your needs and expectations.

You will receive the matching questionnaire, along with instructions, from FASoS Admissions at the email address you provided in Studielink. Once you have completed the questionnaire, you will receive an email with feedback, including the dates for information activities.

➤ [Read the Privacy Statement for the Matching Procedure](#)



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