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September
Start date



Maastricht
Location

Bachelor Econometrics & Operations Research

As an econometrics student, you combine economics and computer science, management and statistics to build a powerful, in-demand skill set that companies worldwide are looking for.

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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 Econometrics and Operations Research for *academic year 2025-2026*.

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Important deadlines for application

This bachelor's programme starts in September. The deadlines below are applicable for applicants who want to start their studies in September 2025.

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Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2024	Studielink 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

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

Previous education

The admission requirements 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 stated below then, in principle, you qualify for admission:

- ⦿ VWO diploma 'Natuur en Techniek'
- ⦿ VWO diploma 'Natuur en Gezondheid' + wisB
- ⦿ VWO diploma 'Economie en Maatschappij' + wisB
- ⦿ VWO diploma 'Cultuur en Maatschappij' + wisB
- ⦿ HBO propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisB
- ⦿ OU propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisB

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.

Mathematics requirement

For this bachelor's programme, certain Dutch mathematics courses or a foreign equivalent are compulsory. The required mathematics courses are:

- ⦿ **Dutch diplomas:** mathematics level VWO wiskunde B
- ⦿ **Belgian diplomas:** ASO with mathematics at least 4 hours per week in the final 2 years. KSO, TSO, or BSO (BSO only if you followed the seventh year) will be evaluated individually.
- ⦿ **German diplomas:** Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife with Grundkurs mathematics up to and including the final year
- ⦿ **'International Baccalaureate' from Geneva:**
 - Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL or SL
 - Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL
- ⦿ **European Baccalaureate:** mathematics at least 3 hours per week in the final two years
- ⦿ **British A-level, (I)GCE's and/or AICE:** mathematics GCE A level

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.

 [Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2025-2026](#)

Questions?

If you have questions about the mathematics requirement, please check the [FAQ](#) or contact us at 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.

i 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

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

Required documents for all applicants —

⦿ 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
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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.

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

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. If you submit all required documents before the application deadline and if you meet the admission criteria (diploma requirement and mathematics requirement), you will be admitted. If you do not meet the criteria, your application will be rejected. We will inform you via email.

➤ More information about the assessment of applications can be found in the [Bachelor Education and Examination Regulations \(EER\) 2024-2025](#)

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 2025**: if we have not received correct and completely filled out forms before this date, your request will not be taken into account.

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

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](#).



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