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Full Time
Format



September
Start date



Maastricht
Location

Bachelor European Law School

Numerus fixus

Study legal issues with peers from around the world through a comparative and European perspective. Instead of a national lens, analyse lawmakers' choices across legal systems and explore how national, European, and international laws interact to shape the current and future legal landscape.

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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 European Law School for the *academic year 2025-2026*. Questions about admission? Contact us via study@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Numerus fixus

Please note that due to high popularity, the European Law School has transitioned to a numerus fixus programme. This means that there is a fixed number of spots for students, which helps us maintain the quality of education. Admission will be determined by an unweighted lottery system, meaning everyone has an equal chance of being allocated a place within the programme.

Applicants can apply via Studielink from 1 October and then need to complete several admission tasks in the MyApplication portal **by 15 January**. UM will then conduct a lottery and assign each applicant a ranking number at random. These ranking numbers are submitted to Studielink (before 15 April). Studielink will allocate study places to applicants with the lowest ranking numbers. Applicants will then have two weeks to accept their place. If they do not accept their place, their spot is automatically offered to the next person on the list.

If you want to know more about the the numerus fixus please consult [our Q&A page](#).

Important deadlines for application

The bachelor's programme in European Law School starts in September.

The deadlines below are applicable for applicants who want to start their studies 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	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2025-2026
15 January 2025, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for all applicants (both EU/EEA and non-EU/EEA applicants)

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

The admission requirements for academic year 2025-2026 for the bachelor's programme in European Law School 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:

- ⦿ 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 then, in principle, you qualify for admission to this programme. Check if this applies for your diploma.

➤ [List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2025-2026](#)

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

Applicants who do not meet the requirements —

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.

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Colloquium Doctum does not automatically guarantee a place in the bachelor programme for the next academic year.

➤ [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](#).

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:

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

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 picture' 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

- ⦿ **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 document(s) you can use to prove your proficiency.

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

⦿ **A request for exemption** (if applicable)

Applicants who are of the opinion that they have already obtained subjects comparable to first year subjects of this bachelor programme earlier on can file a request for (an) exemption(s) with the Board of Examiners. The subjects must be equivalent in terms of content, study hours and level. A request for exemptions has to be submitted to the examinations committee of this programme by you. Your request will only be considered if you have already enrolled. For further information about exemptions you can contact the faculty's examination committee by email: examslaw@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

Note: It is not possible to enrol for anything other than the first year of this study programme (in other words: higher year enrolment' is not possible)

How do we assess your application?

Matching Procedure

Maastricht University finds it important that you choose a study programme and learning environment which suits you well and in which you can be successful. This is why a Matching Procedure is an optional part of the application process.

The aim of Matching is to assess whether you and your chosen programme are a good match. It can help you to find out if the study programme suits you.

You will receive an invitation to an online intake questionnaire on the email address you specified in Studielink.

Please complete this as quickly as possible but no later than 1 June 2025. Bear in mind that it can take around one hour to do. Give an open and honest answer to the questions so that the feedback and advice are genuinely about you. Before you start read the descriptions of the subjects and the course outline of the programme.

The selection committee will evaluate your completed questionnaire. You will subsequently receive feedback and a study advice within six weeks.

Questions about the Matching Procedure?

Contact the Faculty of Law

✉ ba-admission-law@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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Binding Study Advice

This programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 40 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to meet these 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.



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