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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 2025-2026*.

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Important deadlines for study programme application

The bachelor's programme University College Maastricht 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	Studielink opens for applications for the academic year 2025-2026
5 January 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 March 2025, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland

Please note:

- 🕒 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**
- ⦿ Studielink: for UCM, please **select Liberal Arts & Sciences (UCM)** in Studielink

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 the academic year 2025-2026 for the bachelor's programme University College Maastricht (UCM) depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

VWO diploma or an international equivalent

You qualify for admission to UCM if you have a Dutch VWO diploma or an international equivalent thereof. Below, you can find an overview of diplomas that are recognised as an international equivalent of the Dutch VWO 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.

 [Diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2025-2026](#)

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 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

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 passport 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 already obtained the diploma

Note: You must graduate before 1 September 2025

- ⦿ **A motivation letter** in English

The format can be found in the MyApplication portal

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.

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 here.

UCM has a selective admissions process. The selection process consists of two rounds.

First round —

In the first round, the Board of Admissions will review your admission documents and will inform you via email if you have been selected for an interview.

Second round —

The Admissions interview focuses on your academic plans and how you intend to accomplish these through an education at UCM. The interview is conducted online in English by a UCM academic staff member and lasts approximately 30-45 minutes.

Final decision —

Within two to four weeks after the interview, the Board of Admissions will inform you of their decision on whether to offer you 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.

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