



**English**  
Language



**Full Time**  
Format



**September**  
Start date



**Maastricht**  
Location

## Master Forensic Psychology

Become a scientist-practitioner in forensic psychology. You'll learn about the psychology of perpetrators and victims. Train specialised forensic psychological skills to become an expert at the intersection of psychology and law.

**Admission requirements**

## 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 master Forensic Psychology for the academic year 2025-2026.

If you're an international student, we recommend that you also check the [study progress requirements](#).

## Important deadlines for application

*The deadlines below are applicable to 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
<b>1 October 2024</b>	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2025-2026
<b>1 February 2025, 23:59 CET</b>	Application deadline for non-EU/EEA applicants who want to be considered for the UM NL-High Potential Scholarship
<b>1 March 2025, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for all applicants
	Non-EU/EEA applicants need to require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a>

## 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 master's programme in Forensic Psychology depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

### Graduates from a Dutch university bachelor's in Psychology or Mental Health Science

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You qualify for admission to this master's programme.

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### Graduates from a relevant non-Dutch bachelor's programme

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You qualify for admission if you have a university bachelor's degree with the following subjects relevant to this master's programme:

- ⦿ Basic training in clinical interviewing skills
  - ⦿ Basic training in psychological assessment
  - ⦿ Basic training in research methodology and statistical analysis
  - ⦿ Basic training in psychopathology
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## Additional requirements

### Language requirements for English-language master's 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 bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

**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 have to upload documents in the MyApplication Portal. 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\*

*The passport picture must satisfy certain requirements. You*

can find these requirements in the task description 'Upload portrait picture' in the MyApplication portal.

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- ⦿ **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 bachelor's diploma**  
*If you have not graduated yet, you can upload the official grades transcript of your bachelor's programme.*
  - ⦿ **A curriculum vitae**  
*List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.*
  - ⦿ **A motivation letter** (max. 500 words)  
*Provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at UM and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.*
  - ⦿ **An Academic Background Form**  
*The document 'Academic Background Form' that needs to be filled in will be offered to you in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Proof your academic capabilities'.*
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## 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 master's 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.*

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## Uploading your documents

- ⦿ Make sure to upload the documents in the MyApplication portal in **PDF** or **Word** format. Do not upload **Zip files**; we cannot open these files.
- ⦿ Only **complete** applications will be taken into consideration.

- ⦿ All documents must be in **English**.

## 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 in this section.

For the master's programme in Forensic Psychology, selection takes place based on your knowledge and skills. But your suitability is also important. You need an attitude and motivation that fit a programme that embraces the scientist-practitioner model. The intention of the selection procedure is to optimise the chances that you will be able to complete the programme within the time stipulated. A maximum of 24 students will be admitted.

The selection will take place in April/May 2025.

## Selection procedure

The selection procedure consists of two steps:

### 1 Assessment of your application —

After all required documents have been received, the Board of Admissions will carefully assess your application. Within six weeks after the relevant application deadline, you will be notified whether or not you have been selected for the second step of the selection procedure.

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### 2 Interview —

In the second phase of the selection procedure, you will be invited for an (online) interview. On the basis of the interview, the Board of Admissions evaluates your knowledge and skills level, attitude and motivation in relation to the programme's objectives. The Board applies the following selection criteria:

- ⦿ motivation and ability to acquire knowledge in the area of forensic psychology;

- ⦿ motivation and ability to critically analyse the scientific research base in a specific forensic domain;
- ⦿ attitude and communication skills necessary for a future career in forensic settings;
- ⦿ motivation and ability to further scientific and clinical developments in the forensic field;
- ⦿ openness to learning within an international student environment;
- ⦿ excellent command of the English language.

Interviews will take place in March/April.

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## Message about your application status

Based on the documents you have submitted and the selection procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to offer you a place in this study programme. Once the UM has made this decision, you will be informed about it by email. We strive to let you know if you are offered a place or not, within six weeks from the application deadline.

If there are more candidates than places, candidates that qualify for admission may be placed on a waiting list. This means that the final acceptance decision is delayed and that the UM offering you a place in the study programme depends on the availability of places.



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