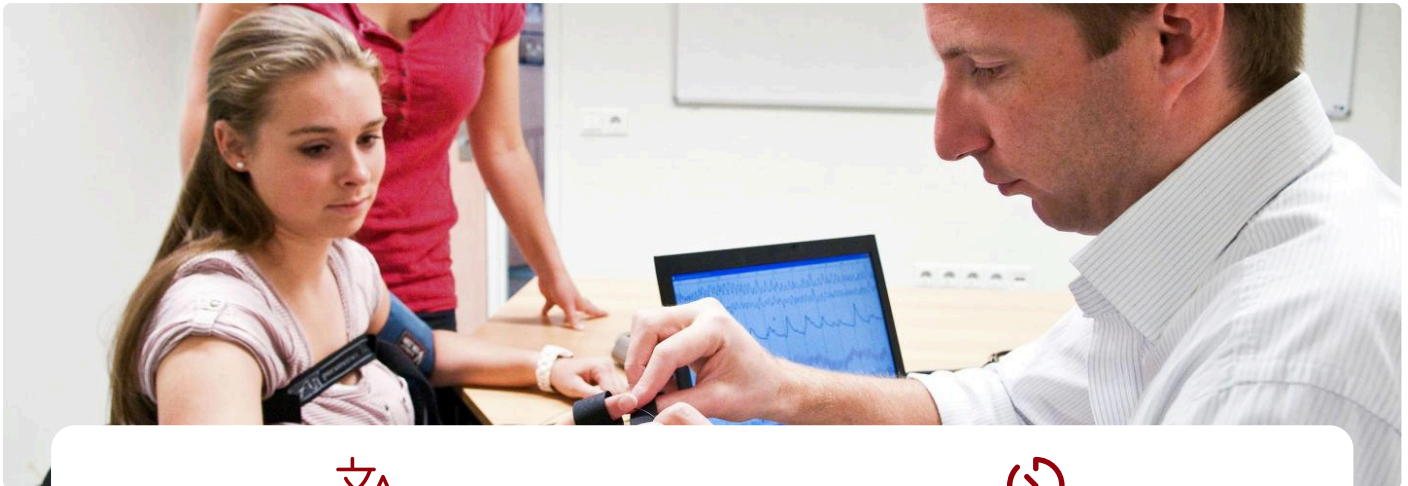




English
Language



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.

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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 master Forensic Psychology for the academic year 2026-2027. Questions about admission requirements? Contact us via fpn-forensicmaster@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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

Application deadlines

The master Forensic Psychology starts in September.

The deadlines below are applicable to applicants who want to start their studies in September 2026.

Note: If you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend using landscape mode.

Date: As soon as possible after 1 October 2025

What you need to know about this date: Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October)

Date: 1 February 2026, 23:59 CET

What you need to know about this date: Application deadline for applicants with a **non-EU/EEA nationality** who want to be considered for the UM NL-High Potential Scholarship

Date: 1 March 2026, 23:59 CET

What you need to know about this date:

Deadline for completing the application process for all applicants (both applicants who have an EU/EEA or Swiss nationality, and applicants who have a non-EU/EEA nationality)

Note: In most cases, applicants with a non-EU/EEA nationality need to apply for a [visa or residence permit](#). Take into account that this takes extra time.

Date: 1 August 2026

What you need to know about this date: Strongly recommended deadline for [paying the tuition fee](#)

Date: 31 August 2026, 23:59 CET

What you need to know about this date:

Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal**

If you need a visa or residence permit, you must complete most tasks by an earlier date.

*Studielink is the national registration system for higher education,

**The MyApplication portal is Maastricht University's application and enrolment platform.

Visa/residence permit for study

Are you a non-EU/EEA national requiring a visa/residence permit for study? Click here for more information

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 'visa/residence permit'-task and the 'send certified copy of diploma'-task) before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalization 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 and master programmes offer a start in February. If your study programme offers a start in February and you want 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
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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

You qualify for admission to this master's programme.

Graduates from a relevant non-Dutch bachelor's programme or graduates from a Dutch bachelor's programme other than Psychology/Mental Health Science

You qualify for admission with the following subjects included in your bachelor's curriculum (these subjects need to be apparent from your transcript):

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

Above average academic record

Because the master Forensic Psychology is a selective, two-year programme that admits 24 students per academic year, your GPA will be one of the important aspects of your portfolio. If your GPA is below average due to personal circumstances, we recommend you explain this in your motivation letter.

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 whose diploma is based on a non-EU-EEA curriculum (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme whose diploma is based on a non-EU/EEA curriculum are required to pay a handling fee. This applies even if the educational institution is located within the EU/EEA, as the fee is based on the curriculum, not the location of the institution. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the [handling fee page](#).

Documents required for application

During the application process for this study programme, you need to complete a number of tasks for which you will have to upload documents in the MyApplication portal. The list below gives you insight into the documents you will (and might) need to prepare.

Please note:

- ⦿ The documents must be uploaded in the MyApplication portal before the application deadline.
- ⦿ The documents must be in PDF or Word format. We do not accept ZIP files.
- ⦿ All documents must be submitted in English.
- ⦿ Important: Only complete applications will be taken into consideration. Applications that are incomplete at the time of the deadline, will not be considered.

⚠ We recommend that you start your application on time, as you will not be able to revise your application after the deadline.

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.

🕒 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'.

As a UM student you do not need to upload this document in the MyApplication portal unless your passport is not valid on 1 September 2026. In that case, you do have to upload a copy of your passport.

🕒 A copy of your most recent grades transcript and a copy of your bachelor's and/or master's diploma

If you have not graduated yet, you can upload the official grades transcript of your bachelor's and/or master's programme. If you have already graduated, you need to upload both your bachelor's and/or master's diploma and grades transcript

🕒 A curriculum vitae

List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.

🕒 A motivation letter (max. 500 words)

Explain why you want to be admitted to this master's programme at UM and why you believe you can successfully complete the programme.

🕒 An Academic Background Form

You need to complete the document 'Academic Background Form'. It is provided in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Proof your academic capabilities'.

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 of English proficiency. The outcome of your answers will indicate which document(s) you can use to prove your proficiency.

🕒 Permission for document verification form

If your diploma is not verified by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch government agency responsible for education-related matters), you will need to upload the form 'Permission for document verification' in the MyApplication portal. This form allows Maastricht University to verify your diploma, grades transcript or other required documents directly with the issuing institution or relevant qualification registry.

How do we evaluate your application?

When you are considering to apply or are applying to this study programme, it is useful to know how we evaluate your application. You can find more information in this section.

For the master's programme in Forensic Psychology, selection takes place based on your previous academic performance and your motivation for forensic psychology, but the 'match' between you and the programme is just as important. You need an attitude and motivation that fit with a programme that embraces the scientist-practitioner model. The intention of the selection procedure is to optimise the chance that you will be able to complete the programme within the time stipulated. A maximum of 24 students are admitted each year.

The selection will take place in March/April 2026.

Selection procedure

The selection procedure consists of two steps:

1 Assessment of your application

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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 an online interview, which is the second step of the selection procedure.

2 Interview

In the second step, you are invited for an online interview with two academic staff members who are part of the Board of Admissions. On the basis of the interview, the Board of Admissions evaluates your portfolio, as well as your 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 forensic psychology;
- ⦿ openness to learning within an international student environment;
- ⦿ excellent command of the English language.

Interviews will take place in March/April 2026.

Message about your application status

Based on the documents you have submitted and the selection procedure for your chosen programme, UM decides whether to offer you a place in this study programme. Once UM has made this decision, you will be informed by email. We strive to let you know if you are offered a place or not, within eight 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 may be delayed because we are waiting for admitted students to accept their placement. Only if admitted students do not accept their placement, we can admit students from the waiting list. Obviously, if you are entered on a waiting list, you will be informed about this.

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