

Foreign diploma requirements for Bachelor programmes at Maastricht University study year 2022-2023

If you have a non-Dutch diploma, Maastricht University needs to assess whether this diploma is equivalent to the Dutch pre-university education (vwo diploma). The UM Admissions department has drawn up a list of the most common non-Dutch diplomas that meet the minimum admission requirements.

Important notes

- The fact that a diploma is included in this list does not mean that it is always considered equivalent to the Dutch vwo diploma. Maastricht University reserves the right to give a binding judgement regarding your prior education. The assessment of the prior education can be based on multiple factors, which include the school you attended, the contents (subjects) of your study programme and the results you obtained.
- If your diploma is not included in this list, this does not mean that you cannot be admitted with this diploma. Diplomas not listed will be assessed individually.
- Your request for admission with a foreign diploma will only be considered after you have submitted a complete online application, including uploading all required documents in the MyUM portal.
- Multiple Bachelor programmes are [fixus programmes or selective programmes](#). This means that meeting the admission requirements in this list does not guarantee a place.
- Multiple Bachelor programmes have additional subject requirements. Because a diploma is included in this list, this does not automatically mean that you also fulfil the additional subject requirements. There are strict requirements concerning number of study hours, content, difficulty of the material dealt with, and examinations you completed. For some of the most common diplomas, the additional subject requirements are stated on the programme's website.

International diplomas

International Baccalaureate

- International Baccalaureate Diploma
If you will graduate during the May 2022 session, you can use the Maastricht University institution code (00600) to allow the International Baccalaureate Organization to digitally send your IB results to Maastricht University in July 2022.
Please note: this does not replace the certified hardcopy of the official diploma, which still needs to be send

European Baccalaureate

- European Baccalaureate
Please make sure to indicate in which subjects you took or will take written and oral examinations. You can do so by uploading a statement from your school during your application.

Cambridge or Pearson International examinations

- 3 International A-Levels (examinations conducted by Cambridge International Examinations, CIE) in academic subjects with grade A, B or C + 3 GCSE's. The GCSE's need to be taken in 3 other subjects than the A-Levels.
- Cambridge Pre-University Diploma
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) with 3 A-levels in academic subjects with grades A, B or C

United States High School Diploma from an international school outside the US

- United States High School Diploma* (obtained outside the USA) with 3 Advanced Placement exams with a minimum score of 3 issued by the College Board
You can use the Maastricht University Designated Institution code (7580) to allow the College Board to digitally send your Advanced Placement results as an encrypted file to Maastricht University.
- United States High School Diploma* (obtained outside the USA) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Please note: schools outside the US offering an American High School programme must be accredited in the United States.

* There are various ways to qualify for admission with a High School Diploma. For that reason we encourage you to submit an application, even if you do not fully comply with the above requirements. Your qualifications will be assessed individually. In that case please also upload your SAT or ACT scores.

Caribbean Territory

- Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Examinations (CAPE)
- CAPE Associate Degree

Diplomas from EU/EEA countries

Austria

- Reifezeugnis / Reifeprüfungszeugnis from an Allgemeinbildende Höhere Schule (AHS)
- Reife- und Diplomprüfungszeugnis from a Berufsbildende Höhere Schule (BHS)

Belgium

- Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs (ASO)
- Diplome de l'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, enseignement Général
- Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts, allgemeinbildender Unterricht

Bulgaria

- Diploma za Sredno Obrazovanie – academic stream

Croatia

- Svjedodžba o (državnoj) maturi

Cyprus

- Apolytirion Lykeio from a public school with an average final mark > 15 in one of the following specialisations:
 - Classical Studies and Humanities
 - Foreign Languages and European Studies
 - Economic Sciences
 - Natural Sciences / Life Sciences / Information Science / Technology

Students attending a private, international school following a US, UK or an other non-Cyprian curriculum are referred to the corresponding country for the requirements

Czech Republic

- Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce obtained at a Gymnázium

Denmark

- Studentereksamenbevis
- Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen

Estonia

- Gümnaasiumi Lõputunnistus with the Riigieksamitunnistus

Finland

- Ylioppilastutkintotodistus
- Studentexamenbevis
- Matriculation Examination Certificate

France

- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Général option International (OIB)
- Diplôme du Baccalauréat Technologique

Germany

- Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife

Greece

- Apolytirio Genikou Lykeiou with a class grade point average >15 in the final year

Hungary

- Gimnáziumi Érettségi Bizonyítvány

Iceland

- Stúdentspróf from a Menntaskóli

Ireland

- Leaving Certificate in 6 subjects of which at least 3 subjects at Higher Level. The Higher Level subjects must have a result between H1 and H5.

Italy

- Diploma di Superamento dell'Esame di Stato Conclusivo from the Liceo Classico / Linguistico / Scientifico / Scienze Umane

Latvia

- Atestāts par vispārējo vidējo izglītību

Liechtenstein

- Matura
- Maturitätszeugnis
- Maturazeugnis

Lithuania

- Brandos Atestatas

Luxembourg

- Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires Classiques (before 2017: Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires)
- Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires Générales (before 2017: Diplôme de Fin d'Études Techniques)

Malta

- Matriculation Certificate

Norway

- Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring in one of the following education programmes:

Poland

- Świadectwo Dojrzałości Liceum Ogólnokształcącego

Portugal

- Diploma do Ensino Secundario, cursos científicos humanísticos with an average grade >15

Romania

- Diploma de Bacalaureat

Slovakia

- Vysvedčenie o Maturitnej skúške obtained at a Gymnázium

Slovenia

- Spričevalo o splošni maturi

Spain

- Titulo de Bachiller + Prueba de Acceso a la Universidad (PAU), Evaluación de Bachillerato para Acceso a la Universidad (EBAU) or Evaluación de Acceso a la Universidad (EVAU)

The Spanish Homologacion (with the Specific Competency Tests, PCE) of a foreign diploma is not accepted for admission. Students will be assessed based on the diploma of their home country.

Sweden

- Högskoleförberedande Examen from a Gymnasieskolan in one of the following programmes:
 - Naturvetenskaps Programmet / Natural Science Programme
 - Samhällsvetenskapliga Programmet / Social Science Programme
 - Ekonomi Programmet / Business Management and Economics Programme
 - Humanistiska Programmet / Humanities Programme
 - Teknik Programmet / Technology Programme

Diplomas from other European countries

Albania

- Diplomë e Maturës Shtetërore

Armenia

- Mijnakarg (Iriv) Yndhanur Krtutyanyan Attestat + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Araratian Baccalaureate + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Azerbaijan

- Tam Orta Təhsil Haqqında Attestat + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Belarus

- Atestat ab agul'naj sjarednjaj adukcii + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Diploma o položenom maturalnom ispitu from a Gimnaziji
- Diploma o završenoj srednjoj školi from a Gimnaziji

Georgia

- Sashualo Skolis Atestati + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Kazakhstan

- Certificate of completed general secondary education + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Nazarbayev Intellectual Schools Grade 12 Certificate

Kosovo

- Diplomë Për Kryerjen e Shkollës Së Mesme Të Lartë

Moldova

- Diploma de Bacalaureat

Montenegro

- Diploma o Završenoj Srednjoj Školi
- Diploma o stečenom srednem obrazovanju
- Diploma/Uverenje o položenom maturalnom ispitu

North Macedonia

- Diploma za položena državna matura

Russian Federation

- Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii with an average grade > 4.50 in the final year

Serbia

- Diploma o Završenoj Srednjoj Školi
- Diploma o stečenom srednem obrazovanju
- Diploma/Uverenje o položenom maturskom ispitu

Switzerland

- Maturitätszeugnis
- Certificat de Maturité
- Attesto di Maturità
- Maturitätsausweis

Ukraine

- Atestat pro zagal'nu serednyu osvitu (obtained before 2019) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Svidotstvo pro zdobuttia povnoi zagalnoj serednoi osvity (obtained from 2019 onwards) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

United Kingdom

- 3 GCE A-levels in academic subjects with grades A, B or C + 3 GCSE's. The GCSE's need to be taken in 3 other subjects than the A-Levels.
- Cambridge Pre-University Diploma
- Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) with 3 A-levels in academic subjects with grades A, B or C
- Scottish Qualifications Certificate (SQC) with at least 4 subjects at higher grade and 2 subjects at advanced higher grade with grades A, B or C

Diplomas from African countries

Cameroon

- Baccalauréat de l'Enseignement Secondaire + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- General Certificate of Education, Ordinary Level with grade A, B or C in at least 4 subjects together with the Advanced Level in at least 2 subjects + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Ethiopia

- Ethiopian School Leaving Certificate with 6 subjects with grade A, B or C + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Ethiopian Higher Education Entrance Examination with 6 subjects with grade , B or C + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Ghana

- West African Senior School Certificate with 6 subjects with grades between A1 and C6 + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Kenya

- Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) with A, B or C in at least 6 examination subjects

Morocco

- Attestation du Baccalauréat + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Namibia

- Higher Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate (NSSC higher and ordinary level): at least 6 subjects including at least 5 subjects at higher level passed with at least the grade 3 corresponding to 40 points and no more than 1 subject passed at ordinary level with at least the grade B corresponding to 6 points (in total at least 46 points).

Nigeria

- West African Senior School Certificate with 6 subjects with grades between A1 and C6 + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Senior School Certificate (NECO) with 6 subjects with grades between A1 and B3 + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

South Africa

- National Senior Certificate with 7 subjects and the statement that the minimum requirements for admission to a bachelor's degree are met

Tanzania

- Certificate of Secondary Education with A, B or C in at least 5 examination subjects + the Advanced Certificate of Secondary Education with a principal pass for at least 2 subjects and a subsidiary pass for at least 1 subject

Tunisia

- Diplôme du Baccalauréat + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Uganda

- Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) with a principal pass in at least 2 subjects and a subsidiary pass in 1 subject + the Uganda Certificate of Education (Ordinary Level) in 6 subjects with a final result of 1 to 6

Zambia

- School Certificate / General Certificate of Education + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Zimbabwe

- Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Advanced Level with at least 2 subjects with an A, B or C + the Zimbabwe General Certificate of Education at Ordinary Level with an A, B or C for at least 5 examination subjects

Diplomas from Asian countries

China

- Pǔtōng gāojí zhōngxué bìyè zhèngshū + Gaokao + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Hong Kong

- The Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE)

India

- Standard XII diploma (academic stream): All India Senior School Certificate with marks ranging from A (A1, A2) or B (B1) in 5 academic subjects, issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)
- Standard XII diploma (academic stream): Indian School Certificate with an average of 75% in 5 academic subjects, issued by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examination (CISCE)

Indonesia

- Surat Tanda Tamat Belajar-Sekolah Menengah Umum Tingkat Atas (STTB-SMA) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Japan

- Kotogakko Sotsugyo Shomeisho (High School Certificate of Graduation) with an average grade > 4 in the final year + University Entrance Examination Center Test

Malaysia

- Sijil Tinggi Persekolahan Malaysia (STPM)
- Matriculation Certificate
- Unified Examination Certificate with an average of at least 75%

Pakistan

- Higher Secondary School Certificate/Intermediate School Certificate with a final result of at least grade C + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Philippines

- Senior High School Diploma (Grade 12) – academic track + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

The old High School Diploma (Grade 10, Katibayan) is not accepted for admission

Singapore

- Cambridge General Certificate of Education – Advanced Level Examination in at least 5 different subjects with at least 3 subjects on H2 level

South Korea

- High School Diploma from a Science High School or Special High School with at least result B/80% in the final year + College Scholastic Aptitude Test (CSAT) with a CSAT Stanine score of 1-3 in each subject
- High School Diploma + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Thailand

- Certificate of Secondary Education (Matayom VI) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Vietnam

- Bằng Tốt Nghiệp Phổ Thông Trung Học with a minimum average grade of 8.0 in the final year

Diplomas from North American countries

Aruba

- Vwo diploma

Canada

- Alberta: High School Diploma with at least 100 credits and 5 academic 30-39 level courses
- British Columbia: Certificate of Graduation with an overall average of at least 73 percent in 4 academic grade 12 courses
- Manitoba: High School Graduation Diploma with an average of at least 70 percent in 5 academic 40S or 40U level courses
- New Brunswick: High School Graduation Certificate with an overall average of at least 70 percent in 5 academic Grade 12 courses numbered 120, 121 or 122
- Newfoundland & Labrador: Senior High School Graduation Diploma with an overall average of at least 70 percent in 6 academic grade 12 courses at the 3000 level
- Northwest Territories: High School Diploma with at least 100 credits and 5 academic 30-39 level courses
- Nova Scotia: Nova Scotia High School Graduation Diploma with an average of at least 70 percent in 5 Advanced or Academic grade 12 courses
- Nunavut: High School Diploma with at least 100 credits and 5 academic 30-39 level courses
- Ontario: Ontario Secondary School Diploma (OSSD) including 6 grade 12 University Preparation Courses (course codes ending on 4U)
- Prince Edward Island: High School Graduation Certificate with an overall average of at least 70 percent in 5 academic grade 12 courses numbered 611 or 621
- Quebec: Diplôme d'Études Collégiales (DEC) préuniversitaire or Certificate of Graduation with an overall average of at least 70 percent in 6 Grade 13 university-preparation level courses
- Saskatchewan: Transcript of Secondary Level Achievement with an overall average of at least 70 percent in 5 academic courses numbered 30
- Yukon: Certificate of Graduation with an overall average of at least 73 percent in 4 academic grade 12 courses

Curaçao

- Vwo diploma

Mexico

- Certificado de Bachillerato with an average grade > 8.0 or 80 in the final year
- Certificado de Bachillerato + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Sint Maarten

- Vwo diploma

United States (USA)

- High School Diploma* with 3 Advanced Placement exams with a minimum score of 3 issued by the College Board
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Diplomas from South American countries

Argentina

- Título de Bachiller with an average grade >8 in the final year in one of the following streams:
 - Ciencias Sociales
 - Ciencias Sociales y Humanidades
 - Lenguas
 - Ciencias Naturales
- Título de Bachiller + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Bolivia

- Diploma/Título de Bachiller en Humanidades + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Diploma/Título de Bachiller Técnico + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Brazil

- Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio with an average grade > 8.0 in the final year & ENEM or Vestibular results
- Certificado de Conclusão de Ensino Médio + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Chile

- Licencia de Educación Media or Licencia de Enseñanza Media (humanístico-científica) with an average grade of 6 in the final year + Prueba de Transición

When obtained before 2020, the Prueba de Transición can be replaced by the Prueba de Selección Universitaria (PSU)

Colombia

- Bachiller Académico + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Ecuador

- Título de Bachiller en Ciencias + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Suriname

- Vwo diploma

Venezuela

- Título de Bachiller / Bachillerato + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Diplomas from countries in the Middle East

Egypt

- General Secondary Education Certificate + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university
- Al-Azhar Secondary School Certificate + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Iran

- Certificate of Completion of Secondary School Studies + pre-university course + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Israel

- Te'udat Bagrut

Lebanon

- Baccalauréat Libanais

Saudi Arabia

- Shahadat Al-Marhalat Al-Thanawiyat (General Secondary Education Certificate) + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

Turkey

- Lise Diplomasi from a Genel Lise + results of the Basic Proficiency test (TYT), Area Qualification Test (AYT) and the Foreign Language Test (YDT *) from the Higher Education Institutions Examination (YKS **)

** Instead of the YDT an approved English language certificate is also sufficient.*

*** Non-Turkish students can replace the YKS by the Foreign Student Exam (YÖS)*

Diplomas from Australasia

Australia

- Australian Capital Territory: ACT Year 12 Certificate + ATAR >75
- New South Wales: Higher School Certificate + ATAR >75
- Northern Territory: Northern Territory Certificate of Education + ATAR >75
- Queensland: Queensland Certificate of Education + OP 1-12
- South Australia: South Australian Certificate of Education + ATAR >75
- Tasmania: Qualifications Certificate + ATAR >75
- Tasmania: Tasmanian Certificate of Education + ATAR >75
- Victoria: Victorian Certificate of Education + ATAR >75
- Western Australia: Western Australian Certificate of Education + ATAR >75

New Zealand

- National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA Level 3)