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**REGULATIONS ON SELECTION FOR BACHELOR'S PROGRAMMES AT MAASTRICHT  
UNIVERSITY WITH RESTRICTED INTAKE,  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

The Regulations were adopted by the Executive Board on 29-06-2022 (cvb22.0344) after seeking advice from the University Council's student delegation on 29-06-2022<sup>1</sup>

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*Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW) Article 7.53 Restricted intake based on available teaching capacity*

1. For each study programme the institutional management may, in connection with the available teaching capacity, determine the maximum number of students who can enrol for the first time for the propaedeutic phase of the programme in question. The maximum number is determined for an academic year. If a propaedeutic phase has not been set up in a study programme, the phase in a Bachelor's program that coincides with the first period in a study program with a study load of 60 points is considered as the "propaedeutic phase".
2. The institutional management selects the prospective students in connection with the available teaching capacity solely on the basis of qualitative criteria. There are at least two different types of qualitative selection criteria.
3. The institutional management gives timely notice of the qualitative selection criteria and the selection procedure that will apply to admission in the event that the number of prospective students exceeds the maximum number referred to in paragraph one. The institutional management adopts regulations for this purpose. When adopting the regulations, the institutional management takes into account the interests of prospective students from the public bodies of Bonaire, Sint Eustatius, Saba, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten.
4. The institutional management does not enrol more students than the maximum number determined by the institutional management in connection with the available capacity.
5. If a ministerial regulation as referred to in Article 7.56 has been laid down in respect of a study programme, this article does not apply.
6. The institutional management notifies Our Minister of the restricted intake before 1 December of the calendar year prior to the academic year to which the first restriction applies.
7. In any event, rules may be laid down by ministerial regulation in relation to:
  - a. The application date for selection; and
  - b. if a study programme is provided by more than one institution as referred to in Article 1.2(a), the number of selection procedures for a specific programme in which a candidate can take part in the same academic year.

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<sup>1</sup> The relevant faculty boards determine the selection criteria and procedure after obtaining advice from the faculty council's student delegation and with due observance of the university-wide agreements on the design and implementation of the selection process for bachelor's programmes with restricted intake.

## **Article 1 Definitions**

In these regulations, the following terms shall have the following meaning:

- a. *Admission notification*: document issued by Maastricht University in a candidate's name showing that he or she has gone through the selection process and has been granted a place within the teaching capacity determined by the Executive Board;
- b. *CET*: Central European Time
- c. *Executive Board*: the Executive Board of Maastricht University;
- d. *Diploma*:
  - i. diploma as referred to in Article 7.24, paragraphs one and two, of the Act, or a corresponding diploma obtained in Bonaire, Saba, Sint Eustatius, Curaçao, Sint Maarten, Aruba or Suriname, or the European baccalaureate diploma of the European School, referred to in the Statute of the European School (Treaty Series 1957, no. 246), insofar as the baccalaureate includes the subject of Dutch as a first or second language;
  - ii. diploma from pre-university education not referred to in Article 7.24 of the Act or a programme not referred to in Article 7.28, paragraph one, of the Act that grants the right of access to higher education in the Netherlands under an international agreement that applies to the Netherlands;
  - iii. certified declaration from the Executive Board stating that the candidate may be admitted to the programme of his or her choice in accordance with Article 7.25, paragraphs three or five, 7.28, paragraph 1a, paragraph 2, or 7.29, paragraphs one, three or four of the Act, without prejudice to Article 7.28, paragraph four, of the Act;
- e. *Faculties*: the UM faculties
- f. *Numerus fixus programmes*: bachelor's programme for which a limited number of students can be enrolled under Articles 7.53 or 7.56 of the Act;
- g. *Certificate*: certificate as referred to in Article 7.11, paragraph two, of the Act;
- h. *Institution*: Maastricht University;
- i. *Candidate*: an individual who wishes to apply or enrol for the propaedeutic phase of a specific programme;
- j. *Additional prerequisites*: requirements as referred to in Article 7.25, paragraphs one and two, of the Act;
- k. *Study programme*: programme as referred to in Article 7.3a, paragraph one, section a
- l. *Selection*: selection procedure as referred to in Article 7.53 of the Act;
- m. *SSC*: Maastricht University's Student Services Centre
- n. *Academic year*: time period starting on 1 September and ending on 31 August of the following year;
- o. *Studielink*: joint application and enrolment application of the universities of applied sciences and research universities in the Netherlands;
- p. *UM*: abbreviation of Maastricht University;
- q. *Prerequisites*: requirements as referred to in Article 7.24 of the Act;
- r. *Act*: Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het Hoger onderwijs en Wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, WHW).

## **Article 2      Scope of application**

These regulations apply to the application and admission of candidates for Maastricht University's programmes with restricted intake for the 2023/2024 academic year, hereinafter referred to in Article 6. Candidates can apply for these programmes with restricted intake for the 2023/2024 year from 1 October 2022. If the number of applications on the application deadline of 15 January 2023 is less than or equal to the number of maximum available places, no selection will take place. In that case, the admissible candidates who have applied before the application deadline will receive a certificate of admission.

The UM rules regarding matching apply to these candidates.

## **Article 3      Proof of identity, prerequisites and additional prerequisites**

Candidates must submit proof of their identity, prerequisites and additional prerequisites by 15 January 2023 23:59 CET as part of their application. In addition, faculties may also require candidates to submit other documents as part of the application process (e.g. a portfolio or CV). The SSC/UM Admissions will process the proof of identity by 15 April 2023.

## **Article 4      Selection criteria and procedure**

The faculties determine the selection criteria and procedure for programmes with restricted intake. The selection criteria and procedure for the 2023/2024 academic year form part of these regulations and can be found in appendices A, B, C and D.

## **Article 5      Certificate of Admission**

The deadlines for issuing certificates of admission for the 2023/2024 academic year are:

- Bachelor Medicine: 12 September 2023
- Bachelor Biomedical Sciences: 15 August 2023
- Bachelor Psychology: 25 August 2023
- Bachelor International Business: 15 August 2023

On receiving a certificate of admission, candidates have 14 days to accept the certificate of admission via Studielink.

## **Article 6      Applying for programmes with restricted intake**

1. Candidates may apply for a programme with restricted intake a maximum of three times. The Executive Board can limit the maximum number of applications further for each study programme. The following applies to the 2023/2024 academic year:
  - Bachelor Medicine: maximum of 2 applications
  - Bachelor Biomedical Sciences: maximum of 2 applications
  - Bachelor Psychology: maximum of 3 applications
  - Bachelor International Business: maximum of 3 applications
2. If a candidate withdraws his or her application by 15 January 2023 23:59 CET, this will not count towards the maximum number of applications as referred to in paragraph one. A candidate may submit a request to the Executive Board to discount his or her application when calculating the maximum number of permitted applications as referred to in paragraph one, if he or she has failed to obtain the diploma or certificate required for admission for the programme with restricted intake for which the candidate has registered.
3. The Executive Board will decide to discount a candidate's application if the candidate submits a request to the Executive Board to this effect prior to 1 September 2023. The Student Services Centre (SSC) will handle the request on the Executive Board's behalf prior to 1 October 2023.

## **Article 7      Fraud**

In the event of fraud in the application and selection process (for example in the data specified in the online survey or while completing the tests), a candidate will be immediately excluded from

further participation in the selection procedure for the relevant bachelor's programme at Maastricht University for the 2023/2024 academic year.

#### **Article 8      Objections and appeals**

Objections against decisions relating to the selection procedure for a programme with restricted intake can be submitted via the Complaints Service Point (CSP). The deadline for submitting a written objection is six weeks, starting on the day after the decision that is being objected to is announced. Candidates who disagree with a decision of the Executive Board on their objection can file an appeal with the Appeals Tribunal for Higher Education (College van beroep voor het Hoger Onderwijs/CBHO).

#### **Article 9      Hardship clause**

The Director of the SSC may deviate from the provisions of these regulations in the candidate's favour in exceptional cases in which application of the selection and admission rules would lead to serious unfairness.

#### **Article 10     Certificate of admission to the next year of study**

In exceptional cases, Maastricht University may issue a certificate of admission to the next academic year. The candidate must accept this within 2 weeks by means of a written notification sent to the address provided by Maastricht University. A certificate of admission to the next academic year can only be issued if a candidate has successfully completed an objection or appeals procedure, **or** has successfully invoked the hardship clause of Article 9 **and** the procedure has only been completed after the commencement of the relevant academic year.

#### **Article 11     Amendments**

Any amendments to these regulations will be adopted by the Executive Board after seeking advice from the student delegation of the University Council.

#### **Article 12     Publication**

The Executive Board will ensure that these regulations and any amendments to these regulations are published in an appropriate manner. These regulations will in any event be published via the UM website.

#### **Article 13     Official title**

These regulations will be cited as the Regulations on Selection for Programmes with Restricted Intake 2023/2024.

#### **Article 14     Entry into force**

These regulations apply to the selection for the bachelor's programmes with restricted intake at Maastricht University listed in these regulations for the 2023/2024 academic year and enter into force on 1 October 2022.

*Foreseen selection procedures will take place while respecting (local) measures preventing the further spread of COVID-19 that were known at the time of writing (May 2022). Should any changes in these measures occur, procedures will be updated accordingly and candidates will be informed in an appropriate manner.*

## **APPENDIX A:**

### **Selection criteria bachelor in Medicine Academic year 2023-2024, Maastricht University**

During the selection procedure, candidates will be assessed on their cognitive and (inter)personal characteristics and skills, as well as on their affinity with, knowledge of and preparation for the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University (UM).

Candidates applying for the Bachelor in Medicine taught in English (BA MED) will also be assessed on their motivation for enrolling in the BA MED and on their level of English.

The selection procedure consists of two rounds\*:

- *Round 1*: a portfolio that must be completed online before a specific deadline, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment.
- *Round 2*: participation in the selection day in Maastricht# and, if applicable, the timely completion of a 'Definitive time plan for the timely completion of (additional) admission requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine'\*\*.

#### ***Round 1: a portfolio that must be completed online before a specific deadline, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment***

Candidates must have submitted a portfolio, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment before 23 January 2023, 16.00 CET (Central European Time).

The **portfolio** contains a variety of questions asking for information about the candidates themselves as well as their previous education(s), any subject deficiencies\*\* and a plan of action for satisfying the lawful admission requirements and/or additional admission requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in time for the 2023-2024 academic year. Other questions also assess distinguishing skills, insights into and opinions on the medical curriculum at Maastricht University, and about the educational system applied at UM.

The candidate collects all addenda/evidence related to the portfolio in the '**Addendum to the portfolio 2023-2024**'.

The **homework assignment** concerns the content and format of the bachelor in Medicine's curriculum at UM and is completed at home. The assessment of the homework assignment will be carried out in the same manner for all candidates; a candidate's special circumstances, occurring either before or during the assignment, will not be taken into account. The homework assignment consists of multiple components and the study load is approximately 30 hours.

The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment are assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The candidate is enrolled for the bachelor in Medicine at Maastricht University through Studielink in time (= 15 January 2023 at the latest).
- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate has thoroughly prepared for admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine in general and at Maastricht University in particular.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about learning within the principles of the educational system of the UM.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about the medical curriculum at Maastricht University.
- The candidate has completed and submitted the online portfolio correctly and on time<sup>&</sup>.
- The candidate has adequately filled the addendum to the portfolio and has submitted it correctly and on time <sup>&&</sup>.
- The candidate has adequately executed the homework assignment and has submitted it correctly and on time <sup>&&&</sup>.

Additional criteria for candidates interested in enrolling for the English BA MED:

- The candidate has sufficient motivation for enrolling for this track (to be assessed based on the information in the portfolio).
- The candidate is sufficiently proficient in English. An additional language requirement applies hereto. The precise requirements are published on the webpages concerning the BA MED, under 'English Language Proficiency BA MED'. The candidate must have met the language requirements by 31 August 2023.

The 700\* applicants who performed best in the first selection round will move on to the second round. The outcome of the first round will be sent by email, on 10 February 2023. If applicable, an invitation to the second round will be included in the email with the results.

**Round 2: participation in the selection day in Maastricht# and, if applicable, a 'Definitive time plan for the timely completion of (additional) admission requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine'\*\*, to be handed in timely online**

During the selection day, the candidates complete an exam that consists of variety of assignments to assess the level of core competences that are important for successfully completing the medical studies and for later professional practice. These core competencies are listed in the 'Framework for Undergraduate Medical Education in the Netherlands' and in international scientific literature. How the candidates function in terms of these core competencies is assessed according to predefined criteria. These criteria are:

- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.

Candidates for the BA MED carry out the assignments on the selection day entirely in English.

Candidates who still have remaining subject deficiencies on 15 January 2023, must submit a complete 'Definitive time plan', including supporting documentation, before 24 March 2023, 16:00 CET (Central European Time), for the timely completion of the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in the academic year 2023-2024\*\*\*.

In addition to a detailed description of the time plan, the 'Definitive time plan' must contain proof of certificates and/or preliminary examinations already obtained, proof of registration for accepted preliminary examinations, and/or sufficiency declarations issued or accepted by Maastricht University.

The 'Definitive time plan' is assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The 'Definitive time plan' ensures the timely completion of the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at UM in the academic year 2023-2024.
- The 'Definitive time plan' contains all relevant supporting documentation.
- The 'Definitive time plan' is submitted correctly and on time.

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# Residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will, if the COVID-19 measures allow it, have the opportunity to take part in the selection day on Curacao.

\* Candidates with the highest scores in the first round of the selection will proceed to the second round. In principle this will concern 700 candidates, including a maximum of 133 candidates for the BA MED. The maximum number of candidates for the BA MED that is allowed to go into round 2 is a reflection of the maximum number of candidates allowed to enrol in BA MED (n=60).

In case the total number of portfolios completed in time is less than 750, the selection committee reserves the right to combine the first and second selection rounds into one and invite all candidates for a selection day as described above for round two. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment will then be assessed according to the predetermined procedure (see documents 'Procedure round 1' and 'Procedure round 2') and the criteria as described above.

\*\* For admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine, a candidate must have the proper diploma and subject combination/profile. The requirements for the diploma and subject combination/profile are referred to as the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine. If a candidate does not completely satisfy these prior and/or additional education requirements with respect to the subject combination/profile, he or she is regarded as having one or more subject deficiencies. There are no such subject deficiencies when a first and full pre-university diploma (Dutch vwo or equivalent) that contains the appropriate subject combination (including mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) is obtained mid-2023 and the level in the subjects mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology meets the strict requirements concerning content, scope and depth.

\*\*\* Candidates who have no remaining subject deficiencies as of 15 January 2023 are exempt from submitting the 'Definitive time plan' for the timely completion of the prior and/or additional education requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine and will receive the maximum score for this component of round 2 of the selection procedure.

& Should the portfolio not be handed in correctly and on time, the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day\*#.

&& The addendum to the portfolio will be marked as either sufficient or insufficient. Should the addendum to the portfolio not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately filled), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day\*#.

&&& The homework assignment will be marked either sufficient or insufficient. Should a homework assignment not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately executed), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day\*. The content of the homework assignment will be used as a basis for one of the assignments during the selection day. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score for their assignments of the selection day and the 'Definitive time plan', the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.

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## Procedure round 1 selection bachelor Medicine Academic year 2023-2024

Round 1 consist of a portfolio, an addendum to the portfolio and a homework assignment that must be submitted online before 23 January 2023, 16.00 CET (Central European Time).

The **portfolio** contains a variety of questions concerning information about the candidates themselves as well as their previous education(s), any subject deficiencies\*\* and a plan of action for satisfying the lawful admission requirements and/or additional admission requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at Maastricht University in time for the 2023-2024 academic year. Other questions also assess the candidates' distinguishing skills, insights into and opinion on the medical curriculum at Maastricht University and about the educational system applied at UM.

The candidate collects all addenda/evidence related to the portfolio in the '**Addendum to the portfolio 2023-2024**'.

The **homework assignment** concerns the content and format of the bachelor's programme in Medicine's curriculum at UM and is completed at home. The assessment of the assignment is performed in the same manner for all candidates; a candidate's special circumstances, occurring either before or during the assignment, will not be taken into account. The homework assignment consists of multiple components and the study load is approximately 30 hours. The portfolio, the addendum and the homework assignment are assessed according to predetermined criteria. The criteria are:

- The candidate is enrolled through Studielink on time (= 15 January 2023 at the latest).
- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate has thoroughly prepared for admission to the bachelor's programme in Medicine in general and at Maastricht University in particular.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about learning within the principles of the educational system at the UM.
- The candidate has an affinity for and knowledge about the medical curriculum at Maastricht University.
- The candidate has completed and submitted the online portfolio correctly and on time<sup>&</sup>.
- The candidate has adequately filled the addendum to the portfolio and has submitted it correctly and on time<sup>&&</sup>.
- The candidate has adequately executed the homework assignment and has submitted it correctly and on time<sup>&&&</sup>.

Additional criteria for candidates interested in enrolling in the BA MED:

- The candidate has sufficient motivation for enrolling in this track (to be assessed based on the information in the portfolio).
- The candidate is sufficiently proficient in English. An additional language requirement applies hereto. The precise requirements are published on the webpages concerning the BA MED, under 'English Language Proficiency BA MED'. The candidate must have met the language requirements by 31 August 2023.

The overall score of each candidate is determined based on a weighted average of the diverse components of the portfolio. The portfolio's score is based on the various component scores for the subjects 'Prior education', 'Plan of action for removing any deficiencies', 'Distinguishing skills', 'The educational system of the UM' and 'The Medicine curriculum in Maastricht' and the content of the addendum to the portfolio. The average grade for the core subjects (Dutch or Primary Language, English, mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology) in the transitional report before commencing the final year of pre-university education (i.e. the transitional report of the penultimate year of pre-university education) (see NOTE below) will count towards the score for the 'Prior education' component. For candidates with non-standard previous education (e.g. year 5 and 6 of pre-university done in 1 year or senior general secondary education + a bachelor's degree) or a transitional report before commencing the final year of a pre-university equivalent, an appropriate conversion table has been created. In addition to the grades for the core subjects on the transitional report before the final year of pre-university education, also study success in any further education at the vocational or scientific level contributes to the final score for the 'Prior education' component.

**NOTE:** Because of COVID-19, candidates may have to submit a different grade list than a (complete) transitional report. This depends on national legislation. In case candidates are required to submit other grades than those of the penultimate year of pre-university education, candidates will receive specific instructions in time about which grades to submit in the online portfolio.



In cases where the candidates are interested in enrolling for the BA MED, there will also be an assessment based on BA MED-specific questions to determine whether the candidate has specific skills/experience and motivation concerning the BA MED. Furthermore, the English writing skills will be assessed. This last evaluation does not add to the final score for the portfolio; however, the assessment needs to be marked as sufficient in order to continue to the second round and to possibly be admitted to the BA MED.

All candidates will be ranked according to their score for the portfolio. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned rank number 1; the candidate with the lowest score will get the highest ranking number##. Candidates with the highest scores for the portfolio will be invited to participate in the second round of the selection procedure. In principle, this will concern 700 candidates\*.

On 10 February 2023, the outcome of the first round will be sent by email to the candidates. If they passed this round an invitation to the second round will be included in this email. When booking any trips to Maastricht, candidates should keep in mind that they may not be allowed to partake in the selection day. Candidates should also ensure that they have provided a valid and current email address with sufficient space and access to the mailbox, so that the outcome of the first round will reach them in good time.

The selection day will be held on Saturday 25 February 2023 in Maastricht#. Candidates who are invited to partake in the 2nd round will receive further information about the selection day by email.

The selection procedure for the bachelor's in Medicine takes place only once a year. The obtained scores and ranking(s) cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. In case of participation in a subsequent year, the selection procedure must be entirely completed all over again.

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# Residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands will have the opportunity, if the COVID-19 measures allow this, to take part in the selection day on Curacao.

## The ranking sequence of the candidates is based on their score as compared to the scores of their fellow candidates. Having a high ranking number therefore makes no statement whatsoever about a candidate's suitability or unsuitability for the bachelor's programme in Medicine. A low position in the ranking merely means that a large number of candidates achieved a higher score.

\* Candidates with the highest scores in the first round of the selection will be invited to partake in the second round. In principle this will concern 700 candidates, including a maximum of 133 candidates for the BA MED. The maximum number of candidates for the BA MED that is allowed to go into round 2 is a reflection of the maximum number of candidates allowed to enrol in BA MED (n=60). In case the total number of portfolios completed in time is less than 750, then the selection committee reserves the right to combine the first and second selection rounds into one and to invite all candidates for a selection day as described above for round two. The portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment will then be assessed according to the predetermined procedure (see documents 'Procedure round 1' and 'Procedure round 2') and the criteria as described above.

& If the portfolio is not submitted correctly and on time, the candidate will NOT be invited for the selection day#.

&& The addendum to the portfolio will be marked as either sufficient or insufficient. Should the addendum to the portfolio not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately filled), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day\*.

&&& The homework assignment will be marked either sufficient or insufficient. Should a homework assignment not meet the requirements (submitted correctly, timely and adequately executed), it will be marked as insufficient and the candidate concerned will NOT be invited to the selection day\*. The content of the homework assignment will be used as the basis for one of the assignments during the selection day. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score for their assignments of the selection day, then the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.

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## Procedure round 2 selection bachelor Medicine Academic year 2023-2024

The selection day will take place on Saturday 25 February 2023 in Maastricht. During the selection day, the candidates will take an exam that consist of +/- 18 assignments. These assignments look at the levels of a number of core competences that the selection committee deems important (based on the 'Framework for Undergraduate Medical Education in the Netherlands' and international scientific literature) for successfully completing medical studies and for working as a professional in the field later. The content of the homework assignment will be used as the basis for one of the assignments during the selection day.

For a very limited group of students with valid and urgent reasons for being unable to attend the selection day on 25 February 2023, there will be opportunity to take part in the second selection day session, on an as yet unspecified day in the period between 21 February and 14 April, 2023

For residents of the Caribbean part of the Kingdom of The Netherlands, if the Covid-19 measures allow this, there will also be opportunity to carry out the assignments of the selection day on an as yet unspecified day during the period from 19 February to 14 April 2023 on Curacao.

The assignments are assessed according to predetermined criteria using a predefined procedure. These criteria are:

- The candidate's cognitive capabilities are sufficient.
- The candidate's (inter)personal capabilities are sufficient.

The overall score of each candidate is determined based on a weighted average of the scores of each of the approximately +/- 18 assignments. The various core competences are usually represented in several of the assignments, and the individual assignments often look at multiple core competences. When assessing the assignments, several different aspects of the answers given are evaluated and points are assigned for each component.

The 'Definitive time plan'\*\*\* for the timely completion of the (additional) admission requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine is assessed according to the criteria:

- The 'Definitive time plan' ensures the timely completion of the statutory prior and/or additional education requirements for beginning the bachelor's programme in Medicine at UM in the academic year 2023-2024.
- The 'Definitive time plan' is submitted correctly and on time. In assessing the contents of the 'Definitive time plan', the core competency 'Organisation' is assessed.

The candidate's final score is a combination of their overall score for the assignments carried out on the selection day and their score for the 'Definitive time plan' for the timely completion of the prior and/or additional education requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine.

All candidates will be ranked according to their final scores\*\*\*\*. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned rank number 1, the candidate with the lowest score will get the highest ranking number\*\*\*\*. Furthermore, should two or more candidates end up with the same total score, then the final ranking order will be determined by a comparative assessment of their homework assignments.

The selection procedure for the bachelor's in Medicine takes place only once a year. The obtained scores and ranking(s) cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. In case of participation in a subsequent year, the selection procedure must be completed all over again.

### Notes: \*\*\*, \*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\* Candidates who have no remaining subject deficiencies as of 15 January 2023 are exempt from submitting the 'Definitive time plan' for the timely completion of the prior and/or additional education requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine and will receive the maximum score for this component of the selection procedure.

\*\*\*\* There is no opportunity to review completed assignments or other components of the second round of the selection procedure.

\*\*\*\*\* The ranking sequence of the candidates is based on their final score, as compared to the final scores of their fellow candidates. This therefore makes no statement whatsoever about the candidate's suitability or unsuitability for the bachelor's programme in Medicine. Candidates therefore

do not pass or fail the selection day and/or the completion or content of the 'Definitive time plan' for the timely completion of the prior and/or additional education requirements for the bachelor's programme in Medicine; there is no absolute testing norm. A low position in the ranking merely means that a large number of candidates achieved a higher final score.

## **Appendix B: Selection criteria and procedure Bachelor Biomedical Sciences 2023/2024, Maastricht University**

The selection process for admission to the Bachelor programme Biomedical Sciences (BBS) per academic year 2023/2024 is based on an evaluation of three components: (1) the grades of the candidate in secondary education (of the penultimate year)\*, (2) affinity with and preparation for studying BBS at Maastricht University, (3) a test relating to the competencies central to the BBS programme. The secondary school grades contribute 35% tot the ranking score, the BBS competency test 65%. Candidates are obliged to motivate their affinity with and preparation for studying BBS at UM before they will be enabled to participate in the test.

### **Step 1: Online survey**

After application via Studielink and the admissibility check of the UM Student Service Centre (SSC), the files of the admissible prospective students are forwarded to the Admission Office of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences (FHML). The candidates then receive an invitation to participate in the selection procedure which contains a link to the online survey.

In the online survey, candidates fill out their contact details and information about their previous education (exact level, diploma, and grades in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, and English) (criterion 1). In addition, the prospective students are asked to provide information on deficiencies (if applicable) and the way in which they plan to remediate these. The candidates also have to answer questions which are linked to their affinity with and preparation for studying BBS at Maastricht University. The online survey should be completed by January 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest. All candidates receive one (semi-automatic) reminder to complete the survey.

It is possible to temporarily stop the survey and to continue at later date. Once candidates have submitted the survey, changing answers is not possible anymore. If the survey is not fully completed and submitted on time, the candidate will not be invited to take part in the online test.

### **Step 2: Online test**

The second step of the selection process consists of an online test which consists of questions relating to the BBS competencies. In the first week of February, all candidates that have completed the online survey (step 1) will receive an invitation to take part in the online test (step 2). The 2 hour test will be scheduled by the end of February/beginning of March. The test questions relate to the four main competencies covered in the UM BBS programme: 'Biomedical Expert', 'Communicator', 'Investigator', and 'Professional' (BCIP).

In order to prepare for the BCIP test, prospective students are provided with study material (e.g. articles, book chapters, short knowledge clips) via links to an online environment provided in the invitation e-mail. Studying the material in preparation for the test takes approximately 10-15 hours. Test items are constructed based on the expected prior knowledge level of candidates, the study material offered, and the aim to examine the analytical/problem solving skills of candidates.

The test is offered only in English and consists solely of multiple-choice and short answer questions. All materials to be studied in preparation for the test are also offered only in English. The prospective student must take the test at the pre-determined date and time. The selection procedure takes place only once a year and candidates do not have a right to apply for an alternative assessment moment.

An online proctoring tool will be used for identification and surveillance purposes. All candidates are responsible themselves for a stable internet access and availability of a webcam & microphone.

There is no opportunity for the candidates to review the completed test.

### **Ranking and placement offer**

The ranking sequence is determined by the final score of a candidate, as compared to the final scores of fellow candidates. The ranking makes no statement about the candidate's suitability or unsuitability for the bachelor's programme. Candidates therefore do not pass or fail the selection procedure; a low position in the ranking merely means that a large number of candidates achieved a higher final score.

If a candidate is awarded a place through selection, this place cannot be exchanged for a place at a different university. This means that the candidate can only start the BBS programme at the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences at Maastricht University in the academic year 2023-2024. Scores and ranks of the selection cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. The selection procedure must then be completed again entirely.

**\*NOTE:** candidates that faced restrictions in the penultimate year of their pre-university education because of COVID-19 may submit a different grade list than their (complete) transitional report. This depends on national legislation. Candidates will timely receive instructions about which grades to submit.

## Appendix C:

### **Selection criteria and procedure for bachelor Psychology 2023/2024, Maastricht University**

The criteria for the selection are: (1) grades of secondary education (of the penultimate year)\*, (2) study attitude, (3) motivation/interests and (4) content knowledge of psychology as a discipline. The selection for admission to the bachelor programme of Psychology for the year 2023-2024 consists of several steps.

After application via Studielink and the admissibility check of the UM Student Service Centre (SSC), the files of the admissible prospective students are forwarded to the Admission office of the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience (FPN) and they receive an invitation to participate in the selection procedure.

In an online survey applicants have to give information about their previous education (exact level, diploma, and grades in English, Biology and Mathematics of the penultimate year) (criterion 1), study attitude and skills (criterion 2) and, motivation, interests and extracurricular activities (criterion 3). In total, about 50 items need to be answered.

Within the online survey, prospective students are directed to material to be studied in preparation for online test questions, and to the questions themselves. Prospective students have to study different topics through video material and/or articles. Studying the material in preparation for the test takes approximately 4 to 6 hours.

The material covers several subjects in a way that resembles the methods used during a regular course of the Psychology Bachelor's programme in Maastricht. The test is offered in both Dutch and English and consists solely of multiple choice questions. Both the survey and the test are offered in English and Dutch. The material to be studied in preparation for the test is in English, also for the Dutch track, as it is the case in the bachelor programme.

It is possible to temporarily stop the survey and continue at a later time. You can thus change your answers before submitting the final version. For technical reasons, it may be the case that returning to previously completed questions is not possible. In that case, this will be clearly indicated on the relevant page in the survey.

The test consists of multiple choice questions with generally three choice items (criterion 4). The prospective student must complete the survey, including the test, before a pre-determined date.

The entire selection procedure is administered via an online survey programme which registers who completed the selection. In case the entire selection procedure is not yet completed, (semi- automatic) reminders are sent. The total score determines the final ranking. The division of the participants in either English or Dutch track takes place after the ranking has been determined. The ranking decides whether someone is offered a place or not. The number of candidates/prospective students (and ranking numbers) may be greater than the final number of places available through placement.

If a candidate is awarded a place through selection, this place cannot be swapped to a different university or deferred to the next academic year. This means that the candidate can only start the Psychology Bachelor's programme at the Faculty of Psychology and Neuroscience, Maastricht University in the academic year of 2023-2024.

There is no opportunity to review completed tests or other components of the selection procedure. The selection procedure takes place only once a year. Scores and ranks of the selection cannot be transferred to a subsequent academic year. The selection procedure must then be completed again entirely.

**\*NOTE:** Because of COVID-19, candidates who were in the penultimate year of pre-university education may have to submit a different grade list than a (complete) transitional report. This depends on national legislation. In case candidates are required to submit other grades than those of the penultimate year of pre-university education, candidates will receive specific instructions in time about which grades to submit.

**Appendix D:  
Selection criteria and procedure Bachelor's study programme International Business (IB)  
2023/2024, Maastricht University**

<b>International Business</b>
<b>International Classroom Essay (33,3 %)</b>
For study choice For School (SBE)
<b>C.V. (33,3 %)</b>
International experience during secondary school Experience outside secondary school International profile Contribution to Diverse Classroom
<b>School Grades (33,3 %)</b>
Mathematics (50%) English and Mother Tongue
We use the grades of the last completed year (e.g. in the Netherlands class 5)

**International Classroom Essay**

This criterion looks at the following elements:

- Motivation for the BSc International Business programme and the School of Business and Economic, how well did the student consider his/her choice;
- Plans for the future;
- Way of looking at the world

In the International Classroom Essay, students explain why they want to study International Business and why they chose our faculty or university to do this. They have to motivate how their experience and skills match with the special features of the curriculum and/or educational system. Moreover we use the International Classroom Essay to assess the level of the English language abilities.

In case students do not pass the International Classroom Essay, they will not be eligible for the rest of the numerus fixus application and will not be ranked or admitted into the BSc IB programme.

**Personal Profile**

Students will be required to fill out a standard CV, which will be available on the website. Mentioned educational and working experiences, need to be proven through formal documents (diploma's, testimonials, etc.) in order to be taken into account.

Given the international character of the school and our "international classroom educational concept" we aim for having people from many countries in our classroom. However, internationality is not only determined by origin but also by international experience. Next to international experience we also appreciate working experience (such as summer jobs).

**School Grades**

Applicants are asked to hand in a certified statement of grades with their school grades for mathematics, English and their mother tongue. The school grades are seen as a proxy for the analytical skills the student has. The score for mathematics will depend on two aspects: the grade for mathematics and the level of the mathematics education (e.g., wiskunde A en B in the Netherlands). For this purpose, a conversion table is constructed. This table will also take differences between countries into account.

Business and economics is not just about numbers but it is also about the capability to express one's thoughts clearly. In most of our courses students have to write individual or group papers. Thus, language capabilities are important as well. We have chosen to evaluate grades in English, as well

as their mother tongue, for example in German if a student comes from Germany. In case the student has English as mother tongue, the scores for English count twice. The reason to incorporate language grades is not to assess their English language speaking capabilities, but to assess to what extent they are able to interpret texts and to express thoughts in a structured way. School grades will be assessed based on the last available grade list (grade list of the 5<sup>th</sup> year for Dutch applicants), as applicants have to apply before they have completed school.\*

The selection procedure:

The required formats are available via the following [link](#). Below, the selection procedure is shown as it is communicated to candidates.

1. Standard curriculum vitae: please find the format in [link](#). When the student finalised their cv, it must be converted to PDF and uploaded to the application portal.

2. International Classroom Essay: International Classroom Essay: the International Classroom Essay is an online web form, consisting of 6 questions the student needs to answer. SBE sends out the link to this web form after the students have submitted their application and have met the admission requirements. The suggested answer length is 200 words, with a maximum of 250 words per question.

3. Certified Statement of Grades for the student's level in Mathematics and languages: please find the format in [link](#). This form has to be filled out by a representative of the student's high school, such as a dean or a teacher. When they have finalised and certified the statement, the student has to upload it to the application portal. The student is informed that their list of grades from the year before the final year is not sufficient, nor can SBE use their list of grades from the final year.

4. Supporting documents: to prove the experiences the student has indicated in their curriculum vitae, they will need to submit additional documents, for example statements from their school, employers, voluntary organizations etc., certificates from language course etc. Experiences that are mentioned in the student's cv but not supported by formal proof/supporting documents will not be considered in the evaluation. Consequently, this can lead to a lower ranking. Please find the format for the supporting documents in [link](#). The student can list the documents, then insert them into the file. When the student has finalised the supporting documents, they must convert the Word-file to PDF and upload it to the application portal.

5. Students have to inform SBE that their file is complete by submitting the disclaimer statement in this [link](#). The student has to fill out the disclaimer statement, convert the Word-file to PDF and upload it to the application portal. If the student still needs to gather documents, they should not submit this form yet. However, if their file is complete well before the deadline, SBE can already present it to the committee and, depending on the outcome, may be able to already allocate a place to the student by March 1st provided of course that the student meets all requirements for registration at UM and DUO. PLEASE NOTE: Documents submitted after the submission of the disclaimer form will no longer be taken into consideration and will not influence the outcome of the ranking.

SBE Admissions will inform the student of the status of the selection file. SBE will start presenting complete files to the committee around 15 January 2023 and will include all complete files that arrive by 15 January 2023 at the latest. On 15 April 2023 the student's ranking number will be published via e-mail and in Studielink.

The assessment will be based on:

- International Classroom Essay (33%)
- Curriculum vitae (33%)
- Grades (33%)

**\*NOTE:** Because of COVID-19, candidates may have to submit a different grade list than the transition report from 5 to 6 VWO. This depends on national legislation. Candidates will receive specific instructions in time about which grades to submit.