

## Foreign diploma requirements for Bachelor programmes at Maastricht University study year 2023-2024

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

- Maastricht University reserves the right to give a binding judgement regarding your prior education.
- 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 and paying the handling fee if this is required.

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## International diplomas

### International Baccalaureate

- International Baccalaureate Diploma

### European Baccalaureate

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### 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
- 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)
- Diplôme 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 curriculum from the United States or the United Kingdom are referred to the corresponding country in this list for the diploma requirements*

### Czech Republic

- Vysvědčení o Maturitní Zkoušce obtained at a Gymnázium

### Denmark

- Studentereksamenbevis
- Bevis for Højere Forberedelseksamen

### Estonia

- Gümnaasiumi Lõputunnistus

### 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
- Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires Générales

### Malta

- Matriculation Certificate

### Norway

- Vitnemål for Videregående Opplæring

### 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 Krtutyuan 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 maturskom 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 maturskom 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
- Attestat o Srednem (Polnom) Obshchem Obrazovanii + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

### **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 A, 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) with a mark of 3-5 for the subjects English and Chinese and grades 2-5 for the subjects Mathematics, Liberal Studies and 2 electives (6 different subjects in total)
- The Hong Kong Certificate of Education Examination (HKCEE) in 6 subjects with grades 3-5 or A-C + Hong Kong Advanced Level Examinations (HKALE) with grades A-E

### 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)
- Standard XII diploma (academic stream): Intermediate Examination Certificate in at least 5 academic subjects, with an overall average grade of 75% (A grade), issued by the Board of Intermediate Education
- Migration Cum Transfer Certificate of the Senior Secondary School Examination from the NIOS with grades A, B or C in 5 relevant subjects

### 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

### 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
- Senior High School Diploma (Grade 12) - STEM track with an average final result of at least 80%

### **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

## 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
- High School Diploma\* + successful completion of all year 1 credits/courses of a bachelor's (undergraduate) programme in university

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

### Turkey

- Lise Diploması 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)