Maastricht University

[Artificial Intelligence](#)

Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence for *a study start in February 2023.*

On 1 July 2022 we started using a completely renewed application portal, the MyApplication portal. Are you applying for a study start in February 2023? Then you can do so in this new portal by following the steps described on the Admission & Registration page (see the darkblue menu on the lefthand side of this page).
Are you working on your application & enrolment for a study start in September 2022? Then you can complete your application & enrolment in the (old) MyUM portal (open the PDF in the sidebox for more information).

Information about a study start in September 2023 will be published on this page on 1 October 2022.

Are you starting your studies in September 2022?
You can find the relevant admission requirements in the PDF below.
[Admission requirements Artificial Intelligence - 2022/23](#)

Important deadlines for study programme application

*The master's in Artificial Intelligence has **two intakes**: September and February. The information below applies to a study start in February 2023. Information about a start in September 2023 will be published on this page on 1 October 2022.*

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines when applying for this study programme are provided in the table below.

Note: if you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend that you use landscape mode.

Start in February 2023

(deadlines for applying for **a start in February 2024** will be published in June 2023)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 July 2022	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2022-2023 (study start in February 2023)
Up to and including 1 November 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for **non-EU/EEA** applicants [(these applicants require a visa or residence permit)](#)
Up to and including 1 December 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from **EU/EEA and Switzerland**

Date	What you need to know about this date
Up to and including 31 January 2023, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL / IELTS) for **non-EU/EEA applicants**
Up to and including 31 January 2023, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL / IELTS) for applicants from **EU/EEA and Switzerland**

Please note:
The programme Artificial Intelligence is listed under the '**transnationale Universiteit Limburg (tUL)**' in the 'My courses' tab in Studielink. Maastricht University (UM) is part of the tUL; this programme is taught at UM just like our other master's programmes.

In Studielink you also need to **choose the starting moment**. Please make sure to select **February 2023** in the pulldown-menu if you start on 1 February 2023.

Find out if you can apply for a scholarship or financial aid . Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above.

General requirements: prior qualifications

The admission requirements for academic year 2022/23 for the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence depend on your prior qualifications. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Graduates from related programmes at Maastricht, Hasselt and Aachen universities

Graduates from the following bachelor's programmes are directly admissible:

- Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (formerly known as Data Science and Knowledge Engineering) from Maastricht University, BSc
- Computer Science from Hasselt University, BSc
- Angewandte Mathematik und Informatik (formerly known as Scientific Programming) from Aachen University (MATSE), BSc
- Computer Science from Zuyd Hogeschool with a Department of Advanced Computing Sciences-approved bridging programme (see 'Graduates from a university of applied sciences' below for more details)

Note: you must have passed all your bachelor's requirements by 31 January for the February intake.

Graduates from other institutes

You will be considered for admission by the Board of Admissions if you have a bachelor's degree or an equivalent diploma in a programme such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science or Technical Data Science.

Graduates from a research university

You can be admitted to the programme if your qualification provides sufficient preparation both in terms of academic level and content. The level of your degree should be equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a research university in the Netherlands; here the guidelines of Nuffic (the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education) will be taken into account, as well as the national standing of your university and the grades you have obtained.

The required competences are:

- **Computer science**: including software development, data structures & algorithms
- **Programming**: experience in object-oriented languages e.g. Java, C#, C++, Python
- **Mathematics**: including calculus, linear algebra, probability and statistics

Graduates from a university of applied sciences

Graduates from Zuyd Hogeschool
Bachelor's students graduating from the Computer Science programme at Zuyd Hogeschool, who have completed a particular set of minors at their own institution and additionally have completed a bridging minor at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences during their studies, are directly admissible to the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence programme. Contact your study advisor at Zuyd Hogeschool for more details.

Graduates from other universities of applied sciences
Students with a degree from other universities of applied sciences (Dutch HBO or international equivalent) in a related field can gain access to the master's programme upon successful completion of a one-semester pre-master's programme.

[More information about the pre-master's programme for the MSc in Artificial Intelligence](#)

In case of deficiencies in your prior knowledge, the Board may offer you a one-semester pre-master programme at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences. If you complete the pre-master successfully in one semester, you are directly admissible to the master's programme.

The pre-master programme is tailor-made based on your previous knowledge and skills. [For more information, please contact dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](#)

Enrolment before completing prior education (zachte knip regulation)

To help students who have experienced delays in their studies due to COVID-19, we have put the 'zachte knip' regulation in place. This regulation means that you can enrol in your next education programme before you have completed your prior education

Were you, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unable to earn enough credits in the academic year 2021-22 to complete your prior education on time? In that case, you will be given the opportunity to conditionally start your next education programme at UM under certain terms in academic year 2022-23 (study start in September or February)

When are you eligible for the 'zachte knip'?

Would you like to go from:

- a bachelor's programme to a UM pre-master's or master's programme

- a pre-master's or 'schakel' programme to a UM master's programme

- an HBO propedeuse (first-year diploma at a university of applied sciences) to a UM bachelor's programme

[Read here about the conditions for qualifying for the 'zachte knip'.](#)

How and when do you file an application for the 'zachte knip'?

Beginning of July, <u>we will let you know here</u> how and when to apply for the 'zachte knip' regulation.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master programmes

As English is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your English language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in English.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements.

Do you hold a bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

Prospective students who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)

Prospective students applying for this study programme who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee. More information on this handling fee and how to arrange this payment can be found on the <u>Handling fee page</u>.

Credit transfer

You can apply for a credit transfer/exemptions if you have completed courses at a recognised and accredited higher education institution that were, similar in terms of content and level.

For more information please contact <u>dke-exams@maastrichtuniversity.nl</u>

Documents required for the application process

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

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

- **A recent passport picture***
  The passport picture must satisfy certain <u>requirements</u>.

- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card***
  Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this copy as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'

- **A copy of your most recent list of grades**

- **A copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it
  If you have obtained a diploma for more relevant studies than one, please upload all

diplomas and grade transcripts.

- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.

- **A motivation essay**
Give good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University, and why you expect that you can successfully complete the programme.

*As a UM student it is not necessary to upload these documents in the MyApplication portal. Unless your passport is not valid on 1 February 2023; in that case you do have to upload a copy of your passport.

Documents that might be required depending on your (academic) background

- **Course descriptions** (in English) of the **mathematics and computer science courses** that are listed on your grade transcript
We always advise you to provide this document, especially if your grade transcript does not contain the same course names as the topics mentioned in the requirements.

- **Evidence of other courses or tests in mathematics/computer sciences** that are not part of your grade transcript, but which you think are relevant to assess your application (for instance an additional online programming course)
Advised for all applicants.

- **Proof of your language proficiency in English**
Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out which are the requirements. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you should send to prove your proficiency. This usually is an IELTS or TOEFL result.

Please note:

- Only **complete** applications will be reviewed.
- Your **Curriculum Vitae and motivation essay** should be **in English.**
- All **other documents** may be handed in in **English, Dutch or German**.

How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this here.

Based on the documents you have submitted and the admission procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to admit you. Once UM has made a decision on your admissibility, you will be informed about this by email.