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Admission requirements

On this page, you will find important details of the application process (such as deadlines, admission requirements, required documents and application assessment) for the bachelor's programme in Biomedical Sciences for the *academic year 2022-2023*.

Important deadlines for this study programme

Applicable when starting on 1 September 2022

When you want to apply or are applying to 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.

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2021	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2022-2023
Up to and including 1 April 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 May 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants
Up to and including 1 June 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for handing in the sufficiency check

General requirements: prior qualifications

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

Prospective students with a Dutch diploma

You are, in principle, directly admissible if you have one of the diplomas below:

- Dutch VWO diploma, new style, with the subject cluster **Nature and Health with physics**
- Dutch VWO diploma, new style, with the subject cluster **Nature and Technology with biology**

Maastricht University (UM) will decide on your admissibility in the following cases:

- old style Dutch VWO diploma (from before 2007)
- a Higher Professional Education (Hoger Beroepsonderwijs (HBO)) propaedeutic diploma

- a bachelor's degree or an Open University (OU) propaedeutic diploma (if you can demonstrate that your knowledge of mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology has reached the Dutch VWO level new style).

Prospective students with a non-Dutch diploma

If you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma you are - in principle - admissible to this programme. Check on the list of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma, if this applies to your diploma. If your diploma is not included in this list, it must be evaluated by UM first. UM will decide on your admissibility.

[List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2022/23](#)

You must also meet the following subject requirements (according to the Dutch VWO diploma level): mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology.

[Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2022-2023](#)

Additional subject requirements for non-Dutch prospective students

- German 'Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife': mathematics, physics, chemistry: As 'Grundkurs' up until and including the final year. Biology as "Leistungsfach";
- Belgian Diploma of Secondary Education: One of the tracks: Greek-Sciences, Latin-Sciences, Modern Languages-Sciences, Sciences-Mathematics;
- International Baccalaureate from Geneva: Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL or SL or Mathematics Applications and Interpretation HL; Physics and Chemistry SL or HL; Biology HL
- European Baccalaureate: mathematics: written or oral exams, at least 3 hours/week in the last 2 years; physics and chemistry: written or oral exams; biology: written or oral exams, at least 4 hours/week in the last 2 years;
- British A/AS levels, (I) GCSEs and/or AICE: mathematics and physics: GCE A or AS level; chemistry and biology: GCE A-level.

If your diploma or degree differs from those listed above, UM will assess on an individual basis whether you can demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the four compulsory subjects (mathematics, chemistry, physics, and biology) and therefore qualify for an exemption (*sufficiëntieverklaring*) for these subjects. This assessment is based on the attainment aims for final examination in Dutch pre-university education (VWO) in the relevant subject and the national agreements made within CCVX and Boswell Bèta.

Missing subjects (deficiency)

If you already have or will be awarded a Dutch pre-university (vwo new style) or equivalent diploma but do not satisfy the [additional requirements for the subjects mathematics, physics, chemistry and/or biology](#), you must sit an additional examination.

Eliminate missing subjects

The additional examinations for the required subjects will be organised by [CCVX](#) and [Boswell Bèta](#). You have to arrange these examinations yourself.

The examinations at CCVX and Boswell Bèta will be conducted both in Dutch and English.

German students can also opt to complete the so-called Vorsemerster at the [Rheinische Bildungszentrum](#) in Cologne which also eliminates deficiencies in physics, chemistry and biology.

Colloquium Doctum: not admissible based on your diploma and at least 21 years old

If you are not admissible based on your diploma and you are at least 21 years old at the start of the study programme, you can still qualify by passing the entrance exam (the so-called Colloquium Doctum).

FHML does not organise a Colloquium Doctum exam, but can provide the Colloquium Doctum statement. To qualify for this statement, you have to proof your command of the English language, physics, chemistry, biology and mathematics on Dutch VWO level new style by means of certificates in these subjects. Please contact sc-ba-bms@maastrichtuniversity.nl.

For the subjects mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology, we refer you to [CCVX](#) or [Boswell Bèta](#).

For the subject English, we refer you to [Babel](#) or the [UM-language centre](#).

Upload certificates

As soon as you have passed the exams, you have to upload the certificates in the MyUM portal. Inform the Student Services Centre (SSC) by email study@maastrichtuniversity.nl, attn. the Admission and Registration Office, that you have added the certificates in the MyUM portal.

Applying for a sufficiency check

If in your application is determined that for biology, mathematics, physics or chemistry assessment of admissibility is required, you can apply for a sufficiency check.

For the sufficiency check by the Colloquium Doctum Committee, you have to create and submit a separate file for each subject. Then you upload the file(s) in the MyUM portal.

Be aware: deadline for handing in the sufficiency check is **1 June 2022**. Requests handed in after this date will not be taken into consideration.

See '[Procedure for applying for a sufficiency check](#)' for more information.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language 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 Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma?

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 [Handling fee page](#).

Documents required for 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 portrait picture**
This picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **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 grades transcript and a copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it.

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

- **A copy of your English language test, with sufficient results**
Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language bachelor programmes' on this webpage to find out if you do or don't meet the language requirements. And – in case you don't meet the language requirements - what diploma/certificate you need to obtain and hand in to prove your proficiency
- **A colloquium doctum certificate English**
For those applicants who want to qualify for a colloquium doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of the English language on Dutch VWO level
- **A colloquium doctum certificate physics**
For those applicants who want to qualify for a colloquium doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of physics on Dutch VWO level
- **A colloquium doctum certificate mathematics**
For those applicants who want to qualify for a colloquium doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of mathematics on Dutch VWO level
- **A colloquium doctum certificate chemistry**
For those applicants who want to qualify for a colloquium doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of chemistry on Dutch VWO level
- **A colloquium doctum certificate biology**
For those applicants who want to qualify for a colloquium doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of biology on Dutch VWO level
- **A syllabus sufficiency check physics**
Only to be completed and submitted when a sufficiency check is necessary
- **A syllabus sufficiency check mathematics**
Only to be completed and submitted when a sufficiency check is necessary
- **A syllabus sufficiency check chemistry**
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- **A syllabus sufficiency check biology**
Only to be completed and submitted when a sufficiency check is necessary
- **A questionnaire Matching procedure Biomedical Sciences**
For those applicants who chose themselves to take part in the Matching procedure. You are not required to complete the Matching procedure to be admitted.

Please note:

Only **complete** registrations will be taken into consideration.
All documents must be in **Dutch, English or German**.

How do we assess your application?

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

Maastricht University (UM) will assess whether your prior education makes you admissible.

Additional documents may be required to assess your prior education. If so, you will receive a request by email, so please keep an eye on your inbox.

You will receive a message once UM has made the decision.

Matching Procedure

Maastricht University finds it important that you choose a study programme and learning environment which suits you well and in which you can be successful. This is why a Matching Procedure is an optional part of the application process. However, you are not required to complete the Matching Procedure to be admitted.

The aim of Matching is to assess whether you and your chosen programme are a good match. It can help you to find out if the study programme suits you.

You will receive an online intake questionnaire on the email address you specified in Studielink. We ask you to answer the questions in an open and honest manner.

You will receive feedback via email within two weeks. There are two kinds of feedback:

- You receive a positive advice. You are done with the Matching Procedure.
- You do not get an advice yet: you will be invited for a (voluntary) interview with a study advisor. Based on this interview (which can take place via telephone or in person), the study advisor will provide you with an advice.

[Read more about the admissions procedures in general](#)

Privacy statement Matching Procedure

[Read more about the privacy statement for the Matching Procedure](#)

Study advice at end of bachelor year 1

At the end of year 1 of the study programme, every student receives advice on whether or not to continue his/her study. This advice is not binding. However, students must obtain a predetermined number of study credits to be admitted to the second year of the programme. The number of credits that must be earned, is documented in the Education and Examination Regulations (EER) of each study programme.