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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 master's programme in Epidemiology for the *academic year 2022-2023*.

Please note

If you have questions about the admission requirements or procedure, please [contact the faculty](#) of this master's programme.

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.

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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 May 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 June 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants

Please note: if you apply for a UM scholarship, the [scholarship application deadline](#) applies.

Admission requirements

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

Click on the question that applies to you for more information:

- [Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from Maastricht University obtained before 1 September 2022?](#)
- [Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from another Dutch \(WO\) university obtained before 1 September 2022?](#)
- [Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from a university of applied science \(HBO, Fachhochschule, Hogeschool, College, TEI or another professional bachelor's\) obtained](#)

[before 1 September 2022?](#)

- [Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university obtained before 1 September 2022?](#)
- [Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university obtained before 1 September 2022?](#)
- [Do you have a relevant master's degree from an EEA or a non-EEA university \(a bachelor's programme in \(veterinary\) medicine or dentistry with a nominal duration of 5 years or more is considered to be equivalent to a master's degree\) obtained before 1 September 2022?](#)

Relevant university degrees are among others: Biology; Biomedical Sciences; Biomedical Technology; Clinical Technology; European Public Health; Health and Life; Health and Society; Health Sciences; Medicine; Movement Sciences; Nursing Sciences; Nutrition and Health; Psychology; Pharmacy; University College (depending on the courses you followed). In case your domain is not mentioned here, the Board of Admissions can assess whether your domain is considered relevant once you have completed your application via Studielink.

Relevant university of applied sciences degrees are among others: Biometry; Cesar Therapy; Dietetics; Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (MBRT); Mensendieck Physiotherapy; Midwifery; Nursing; Occupational Therapy; Physiotherapy; Podotherapy; Skin Therapy. In case your domain is not mentioned here, the Board of Admissions can assess whether your domain is considered relevant once you have completed your application via Studielink.

Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from Maastricht University obtained before 1 September 2023?

You are eligible for admission.

You only need to upload the following documents:

- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.
- [Master preference form](#) in case you apply for more than one programme.

All required documents must have been uploaded before the application deadline that applies to you. See the paragraph 'Important deadlines for application for this study programme' on this page.

Please note:

Only **complete** applications will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

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Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from another Dutch (WO) university obtained before 1 September 2023?

You are eligible for admission. Please upload the following documents:

- **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.
- **A copy of your most recent certified transcript and a copy of your diploma.**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official transcript from your bachelor's programme.

- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **Proof of sufficient command of English**
[Check the language requirements whether this requirement applies to you.](#)
- **[Master preference form](#)** in case you apply for more than one programme

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Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from a university of applied sciences (HBO, Fachhochschule, Hogeschool, College, TEI or another professional bachelor's) obtained before 1 September 2023?

The Board of Admissions assesses your admissibility and you have to demonstrate your academic skills. There are two options to do so:

- Option 1: Prove your academic skills by completing the [checklist Academic Skills](#). The checklist is sufficient if you have completed a thesis **and** have obtained at least 12 (relevant) ECTS in statistics and methodology according to the Board of Admission. If you cannot demonstrate these academic skills, option 2 automatically applies.
- Option 2: Take a GRE General test and upload a sufficient GRE General test score report. [See our webpage for more information about the GRE-test.](#)

Please upload the following documents:

- **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.
- **A copy of your most recent certified transcript and a copy of your diploma.**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official transcript from your bachelor's programme. Add a translation if the original transcript is not in English or Dutch.
- **[The Checklist Academic Skills](#) or a sufficient GRE General score report.**
Read the instructions on the checklist carefully. Only fully completed checklists will be considered.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae in English or Dutch**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience
- **Proof of sufficient command of English**
[Check the language requirements whether this requirement applies to you.](#)
- **[Master preference form](#)** in case you apply for more than one programme.

All required documents must have been uploaded before the application deadline that applies to you. See the paragraph 'Important deadlines for application for this study programme' on this page.

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Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA* university obtained before 1 September 2023?

The Board of Admissions assesses your admissibility.

Please upload the following documents:

- **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.
- **A copy of your most recent certified transcript and a copy of your diploma.**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official transcript from your bachelor's programme. Add a translation if the original transcript is not in English.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae in English**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **Proof of sufficient command of English**
[Check the language requirements whether this requirement applies to you.](#)
- **[Master preference form](#)** in case you apply for more than one programme
Upload this document in the MyUM portal under 'other'.

All required documents must have been uploaded **before** the application deadline that applies to you. See the paragraph 'Important deadlines for application for this study programme' on this page.

Please note:

Only **complete** applications will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

The Board of Admissions may ask you to **upload additional documents** e.g. a [checklist academic skills](#) or a sufficient [GRE General test score report](#).

* Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden. This arrangement also includes Switzerland and the UK.

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Do you have a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA* university obtained before 1 September 2023?

Please upload the following documents:

- **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.

- **A copy of your most recent certified transcript and a copy of your diploma.**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official transcript from your bachelor's programme. Add a translation if the original transcript is not in English.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae in English**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **Proof of sufficient command of English**
[Check the language requirements whether this requirement applies to you.](#)
- **[Master preference form](#)** in case you apply for more than one programme
Upload this document in the MyUM portal under 'other'.
- **A GRE General test score report with sufficient scores**
[See our webpage for more information about the GRE General test.](#)

All required documents must have been uploaded **before** the application deadline that applies to you. See the paragraph 'Important deadlines for application for this study programme' on this page.

Please note:

Only **complete** applications will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

If you apply for a **UM scholarship**, your application must be complete before the scholarship deadline. Check the deadlines on the [scholarships website](#).

You are only eligible for a scholarship if you have been conditionally admitted to the master. Conditional admission is only possible if you have a relevant prior education and have uploaded all required documents (including a sufficient GRE General test score report).

A **handling fee** is required for applicants with a degree from a non-EEA country. For more information [check our website](#).

* all countries except Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. This arrangement also includes Switzerland and the UK.

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Do you have a relevant master's degree from an EEA or a non-EEA* university obtained before 1 September 2023?

(a bachelor's programme in (veterinary) medicine or dentistry with a nominal duration of 6 years or more is considered to be equivalent to a master's degree)

Please upload the following documents:

- **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain [requirements](#).
- **A copy of your passport or your EU/EEA identity card, valid on 1 September 2023**
Make a copy of the page with your personal details. Save this document as 'passport copy' and not as 'passport picture'.
- **A copy of your most recent certified transcript and a copy of your diploma.**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme and master's programme. Add a translation if the original transcript is not in English.

- **Your Curriculum Vitae in English**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **Proof of sufficient command of English**
[Check the language requirements whether this requirement applies to you.](#)
- **Master preference form** in case you apply for more than one programme
Upload this document in the MyUM portal under 'other'.

All required documents must have been uploaded **before** the application deadline that applies to you. See the paragraph 'Important deadlines for application for this study programme' on this page.

Please note:

Only **complete** applications will be reviewed by the Board of Admissions.

A **handling fee** is required for applicants with a degree from a non-EEA country. For more information [check](#) our website

* all countries except Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Republic of Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain and Sweden. This arrangement also includes Switzerland and the UK.

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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.

The Board of Admissions (BoA) checks whether your educational background fits with the requirements for the master's programme you applied for. The BoA only assesses complete applications received within the deadline. After receiving your application (and handling fee, if applicable), we will apply the following checks:

- Is the application complete? Are all required documents uploaded?
- If your registration is not complete, you will receive an email with the request to upload the missing documents before the application deadline that applies to you.
- Is the prior education relevant for the master's programme? In case of doubt about the relevance of your prior education, your application will be discussed with the coordinator of the master's programme.
- If applicable, are the academic requirements fulfilled (e.g. sufficient academic skills, GRE required)? If the GRE requirement applies to you, a sufficient GRE score report needs to be uploaded before the application deadline as well.
- Is there proof of sufficient command of English? If an English language test is required, a sufficient score report needs to be uploaded before the application deadline.

If the BoA needs additional information to properly assess your application, we will ask you to upload additional documents.

The assessment by the BoA results in either a conditional admission to the master or in a rejection. You will be informed about this within six weeks.

Please note: if you apply for a UM scholarship as well, your application has to be complete at the time of the scholarship deadline. Check the [scholarship website](#) for exact deadlines and the scholarship application procedure.

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, or
- 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'.

Exceptions to the rule

As an exception to the standard, some programmes of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences apply an adjusted standard to admit students on the basis of the 'zachte knip':

- B.Sc. Biomedical Sciences
- B.Sc. European Public Health
- B.Sc. Medicine

Students of these study programs receive more detailed information via the StudentPortal.

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

Beginning of July, we will let you know [here](#) how and when to apply for the 'zachte knip' regulation.