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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 Operations Research for *academic year 2022-2023*.

Important deadlines for application

Applicable when starting on 1 September 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.

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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

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.

The Board of Admission evaluates the quality of your application by looking at your GMAT score/Proof of Academic Capabilities (if applicable), IELTS/TOEFL score (if applicable), Grade Point Average, the level of statistics and mathematics and at how well your bachelor's programme corresponds with the master's programme. Besides this, the Board looks at your motivation, relevant work experience, international experience and extra-curricular activities. Based on this information, the Board of Admission will decide whether you can be admitted to the programme or not.

Assessment happens on a rolling basis. This means that, once you submit a complete file with all the minimum required scores, it will be presented to the Board of Admission. We will not wait until the deadline before we present your file to the Board. You will receive a decision within 2-4 weeks after completion of your file.

Required documents

The admission requirements for this programme depend on your prior qualifications.

Select your previous or current education to check what documents you need to upload:

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- [Dutch or Flemish university bachelor's degree](#)
- [International bachelor's degree](#)

Upload all required documents for the application procedure via [MyUM](#), preferably in the order as listed.

Go to [Admission & Registration](#) to learn more about the admission and registration procedure.

Dutch or Flemish university bachelor's degree

Relevant NVAO-accredited study programme

Specific study programmes in the Netherlands and Belgium have the so-called NVAO accreditation. Students from relevant NVAO-accredited bachelor's programmes are exempted from taking the GMAT or GRE test.

[List of relevant NVAO-accredited programmes](#)

If your education is mentioned on this list, please upload the following documents via [MyUM](#):

- **List of grades of your bachelor's programme**
Upload a transcript of grades from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Curriculum vitae**
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities, internships and (professional) experience.
- **Letter of motivation**
Provide good arguments for why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University and why you expect that you can successfully complete the programme. This letter should be about 1 or 2 pages long.
- **Two letters of recommendation**
Provide two relevant letters of recommendation, preferably from academic staff members.
- **Two names of members of the teaching staff** that supervised or taught you during the bachelor's programme (only for SBE BSc students).
- **A recent passport picture**
- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

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Other Dutch university bachelor's degree

If you have another bachelor's degree from a Dutch university, you are eligible for admission. Please upload the following documents via [MyUM](#):

- **List of grades of your bachelor's programme**
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- **Two letters of recommendation**
Provide two relevant letters of recommendation, preferably from academic staff members.
- **Official GMAT or GRE score report or alternative proof of academic capabilities**
Minimum required GMAT scores: 550 (total score) and 4.0 (Analytical Writing Assessment). Please request the test centre to send an official score report directly to Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics. If you cannot take the GMAT or GRE test, it is possible to provide proof of your academic capabilities consisting of analytical, quantitative and verbal skills. Please fill out the standard template [Proof of Academic Capabilities](#) and insert all your proof into the file.
[More information about the GMAT/GRE test and Proof of Academic Capabilities](#)
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International bachelor's degree

You have obtained or will obtain an international bachelor's degree. However, applicants from AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's programmes need to fulfil different admission requirements than students with another international bachelor's degree.

[List of AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's programmes](#)

Is your education mentioned on this list? Please go to ['Applicants with a specific AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's degree'](#)

Is your education not mentioned on this list? Please go to ['Applicants with another international bachelor's degree'](#)

AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's degree

If your educational institute is [AACSB or EQUIS accredited](#), you need to upload formal proof of this (e.g. a stamped and signed transcript of grades). It is important to know that the burden of proof rests with the applicant. Please upload the following documents via [MyUM](#):

- **List of grades of your bachelor's programme**
Upload a formal transcript of grades (signed and stamped by your educational institute) from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
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In addition, Non-EU/-EEA students have to:

- Pay the €100 [handling fee](#)
- Proof of [English proficiency](#).

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Other international bachelor's degree

If you have another international bachelor's degree from a university (e.g. not AACSB or EQUIS accredited), you are eligible for admission. Please upload the following documents via [MyUM](#):

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Questions?

Read the [FAQ for master's applicants](#).

If you experienced delays in your studies due to COVID-19, you can enrol in this master's programme before you have completed your prior education. Read more about the ['zachte knip' regulation](#).