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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 Sustainability Science, Policy and Society 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**

Academic background

In order to apply for the master's programme Sustainability Science, Policy and Society you need to fulfill various admission requirements. One of the main requirements refers to your academic background. In order to be admitted to the master's programme you need to have a bachelor's degree that is equivalent to a Dutch university bachelor with a thesis. If you have a bachelor's degree equivalent to that of a Dutch applied sciences degree (HBO), or if you have not written a bachelor's thesis, you will need to complete a bridging programme in order to be admitted to the master's programme.

[Read more about the equivalence of your bachelor's degree and the bridging programme](#)

Questions?
If you have any questions regarding the equivalence of your bachelor's degree, please contact us at admissions-ssps@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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.](#)

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 passport picture
  The passport 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 certified copy of your transcript of records
- University bachelor's degree with thesis
- Curriculum vitae
- Write a convincing letter of motivation in which you discuss the following. This letter will be carefully assessed.
  - Why specifically this master's programme? Please elaborate how it builds upon your previously gained knowledge and/or experience concerning sustainable development. (max. 300 words)
  - What do you expect to gain from completing this master's programme (max. 300 words)

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

- Language proficiency in English

Please check below whether additional requirements apply to you.

Also check the required documents under [Admission and registration](#)

Language requirements for this English-language master programme

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

General Background

Over the years, we have learned that there are a few factors that are important in determining whether a student is able to successfully complete the master's programme:

- English language skills
- Basic proficiency in research skills (from your previous education)
- High motivation and full-time dedication to the programme

Handling Fee

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](#).

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 admissions decision is based on your whole application file. Selection will take place on the basis of your quality and suitability. In this respect your motivation, prior qualifications as well as your professional experience are important. The English language requirements and the requirement that you need to have a bachelor's degree at the start of the programme in September (regardless of relevance) are strictly applied.

No one will be admitted to this programme directly. In some cases, the Board of Admission may request additional documents or an interview. The decision will always be made on a case-by-case basis to determine whether there are sufficient grounds for admission.

You will receive a letter with a decision on your admissibility within 4 weeks after the application deadline. You will be informed about this by email.

Note: only complete applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for application to this study programme' on this page.