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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 University College Maastricht (UCM) 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 sidebar for more information).*

UCM attracts highly motivated students with a genuine academic interest. Therefore, UCM has a **selective admissions process** that is designed to help the Board of Admissions assess whether there is a match between your academic interest and what UCM has to offer. There are 250-275 spots available for incoming students every year.

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 University College Maastricht - 2022/23](#)

### Contact UCM Office of Admissions

[ucm-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

## Important deadlines for study programme application

*UCM 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
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<b>1 July 2022</b>	Studielink opens for applications for the academic year 2022-2023 (study start in February 2023)
<b>Up to and including 1 October 2022, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for <b>non-EU/EEA</b> applicants ( <a href="#">these applicants require a visa or residence permit</a> )
<b>Up to and including 1 October 2022, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from <b>EU/EEA and Switzerland</b>

**Please note:**

UCM reviews all applications on a rolling basis. There is thus **no need to wait until the deadline**. Furthermore, it is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible

All applications which have **not been completed by the deadline** (by uploading all required documents, see 'Documents required for application process' on this page) will **not be taken into consideration**

Studielink: for UCM, please select **Liberal Arts & Sciences (UCM)** in Studielink.

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## General requirements: prior qualifications

The admission requirements for academic year 2022/23 for the bachelor's programme University College Maastricht (UCM) depend on your prior qualifications. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

### VWO diploma or an international equivalent

You are eligible for admission to the UCM if you have a Dutch VWO diploma or an international equivalent thereof. Below you can find an overview of diplomas that are recognised as an international equivalent of the Dutch VWO diploma.

UCM does not have any additional subject requirements. Eligibility for admission on the basis of diplomas is assessed through diploma evaluation. If you have not yet obtained the diploma, you can still apply with your latest grade list.

Please include a translation of your diploma and/or grade lists if the originals are not in Dutch, English, German or French.

[Diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2022/2023](#)

[Let me know when I can apply for September 2023 Send me a reminder](#)

## 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:

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

## Additional requirements

### Language requirements for this English-language bachelor 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 Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma for which you followed English up to and including the final year?

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 might 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 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 copy of your most recent list of grades and a copy of your diploma** if you have obtained the diploma  
*Please include a translation of your diploma and/or grade lists if the originals are not in Dutch, English, German or French*
- **A motivation letter** in English
  - [Please use the format, which can be found here](#)
  - Please use Adobe Reader to fill in the provided format. [Download Adobe Reader here](#) (free)
- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
  - [Please use the format, which can be found here](#)
  - Please use Adobe Reader to fill in the provided format. [Download Adobe Reader here](#) (free)

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

- **Outcome of your English language proficiency test** (if applicable)  
*Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for this English-language bachelor programme' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.*
- **A credit transfer request** (if applicable)  
*If you have completed courses at a recognised and accredited higher education institution after secondary school, you can apply for these credits to be transferred to UCM. Please complete the [credit transfer request form](#) and upload it in MyUM, together with a transcript, simultaneously with all other required application documents. Please be informed, whilst applying in Studielink, click on 'YES' to the question 'Starts in the first year', even though you are planning on transferring credits. After receiving a possible invitation to attend UCM, you will be invited for a credit transfer information meeting with the UCM Board of Examiners which will take place during the introduction days. As the Board of Examiners has the responsibility to guarantee the quality of the content of the UCM study programme, the Board is interested in how the transferred credits from your previous study contribute to the content of your UCM curriculum. The maximum number of credits that can be transferred to UCM is 60 ECTS. Please be informed, your final request for credit transfer needs to be submitted during the course registration for your second semester at UCM. This gives you the possibility to get used to our programme and discuss the content of your curriculum with your Academic Advisor. Please note that credits needed in order to be eligible for admission cannot be transferred, nor can credits obtained from a community college or junior college.*

### Please note:

Please make sure to **upload all the required documents by the deadline**, otherwise your application will not be taken into consideration (for those deadlines, see the paragraph 'Important deadlines for study programme application' on this page).

If you have not graduated yet, you must upload your most recent list of grades. **You must, however, have graduated prior to starting your studies at UCM.**

## 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.

UCM has a selective admissions process. The selection process consists of two rounds.

## First round

In the first round, the Board of Admissions will review your application documents and will inform you via email if you have been selected for an interview

## Second round

Admissions interview: the interview focuses on your academic plans and how you intend to accomplish these through an education at UCM. The interview is conducted in English by one UCM staff member and lasts approximately 30-45 minutes.

## Final decision

Within two to four weeks after the interview, the Board of Admissions will inform you on their decision whether to invite you to attend UCM or not.

## Binding Study Advice

UCM has a Binding Study Advice which is issued by the Board of Examiners of UCM ([ucm-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ucm-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl)) on behalf of the faculty board to each student regarding continuation or not of the programme. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 45 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to earn enough credits will receive a negative Binding Study Advice that leads to exclusion from the programme for a period of six years. All students who are at risk of receiving a negative Binding Study Advice will receive a warning after their first semester.

[Download the University College Maastricht Education and Examination Regulations](#)