

## Financial Economics

# 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 Financial Economics *for academic year 2024-2025*.

The information on this page is for students who would like to start in **academic year 2024-2025**.

## Application deadlines

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Dates for a start in February 2024 (academic year 2023-2024)	Dates for a start in September 2024 (academic year 2024-2025)	What you need to know about these dates
<b>1 July 2023</b>	<b>1 October 2023</b>	<a href="#">Studielink</a> is open for applications
<b>1 November 2023*</b> Please note that this date is subject to change.	<b>1 May 2024*</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a> )
<b>1 December 2023*</b> Please note that this date is subject to change.	<b>1 June 2024*</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland

\* All deadlines are up to and including 23:59 Central European Time.

### Questions?

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

contact us via [masteradmissions-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:masteradmissions-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

# Required documents based on your educational background

Dutch/Flemish University level

## Relevant Dutch or Flemish NVAO-accredited diploma

Some study programmes in the Netherlands and Flandres (Belgium) have the so-called NVAO accreditation. If your study programme is mentioned on the [list of relevant NVAO-accredited programmes](#), please upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal, after applying via Studielink:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme**  
Upload an official grades transcript, signed and stamped by your university, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Copy of your degree (if obtained)**
- **Curriculum vitae**  
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities, internships and (professional) experience.
- **Motivation letter**  
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.
- **A recent passport picture**
- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

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## UM School of Business and Economics diploma

If you are a student at Maastricht University (UM) and you have one of the following diploma's/certificates, you qualify for direct admission:

- a UM bachelor's degree in Econometrics and Operations Research
- a UM bachelor's degree in Economics and Business Economics
- a UM pre-master's certificate in Financial Economics

Except for a copy of your valid passport, you do not need to upload any other documents in the MyApplication portal.

Students from another UM bachelor's programme can check the requirements under ['Relevant NVAO-accredited study programme'](#) or ['Other Dutch university degree'](#).

## Other Dutch university diploma

If you have another bachelor's or master's diploma from a Dutch university, you qualify for admission. After your application via Studielink, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal:

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- **Copy of your degree (if obtained)**
- **Curriculum vitae**  
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities, internships and (professional) experience.
- **Motivation letter**  
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.
- **Proof of academic capabilities**  
Demonstrate your academic capabilities by choosing one of the options below:
  - *Option 1:* Submit a [portfolio](#). Please use the standard template and insert all your proof into the file.
  - *Option 2:* GMAT test with a total score of 550 or higher and a minimum score of 4.0 on the Analytical Writing Assessment.
  - *Option 3:*  
  
GMAT Focus Edition with a test score of 515 or more.

- *Option 4:* GRE test with a score that is equivalent to the minimum GMAT scores.

[More information about the GMAT/GRE test](#)

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**International University level**

## **International AACSB or EQUIS accredited diploma**

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). After your application via Studielink, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme**  
Upload an official grades transcript, signed and stamped by your university, plus a translation if the original is not in English
- **Copy of your degree (if obtained)**
- **Curriculum vitae**  
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities, internships and (professional) experience.
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In addition:

- Students who have received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country need to **pay the €100 [handling fee](#)**
- Students with a non-EU/EEA nationality need to submit **proof of [English proficiency](#)**

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## International non-AACSB or EQUIS accredited diploma

If you have another international bachelor's diploma from a university or university of applied sciences (e.g. not AACSB or EQUIS accredited), you qualify for admission. After your application via Studielink, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme**  
Upload an official grades transcript, signed and stamped by your university, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Copy of your degree (if obtained)**
- **Curriculum vitae**  
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities, internships and (professional) experience.
- **Motivation letter**  
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.

- **Proof of academic capabilities**

Demonstrate your academic capabilities by choosing one of the options below:

- *Option 1:* GMAT test with a total score of 550 or higher and a minimum score of 4.0 on the Analytical Writing Assessment.

- *Option 2:*

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**University of Applied Sciences level**

## **Relevant Dutch pre-master's programme**

Are you following or did you finish a [pre-master's programme in a similar field of education](#) as this master's programme? Make sure to highlight this in your application, since this will give you direct access to this master's programmes. After your application via Studielink, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your pre-master's and bachelor's programme**
- **Certificate of enrolment for the pre-master's programme**

- **A statement from the university of your premaster indicating that you have finished the pre-master's programme successfully.** Please use our [standard template](#).
- **A recent passport picture**
- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

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## Other Dutch HBO diploma

If you have a Dutch bachelor's or master's diploma from a university of applied sciences (HBO), you qualify for admission. After your application via Studielink, you will be asked to upload the following documents in the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme including GPA**  
Upload an official grades transcript including GPA, signed and stamped by your university, plus a translation if the original is not in English
- **Copy of your degree (if obtained)**
- **Curriculum vitae**  
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## 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.