

## 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 Forensic Psychology for *academic year 2024-2025*.

International students: also check the [study progress requirements](#).

## Important deadlines for application for this study programme

*The master Forensic Psychology starts in September.*

*The deadlines below are applicable to applicants who want to start their studies in September 2024.*

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.

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2023	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025
Up to and including 15 January 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline <b>first</b> * selection round for completing the entire application process for all applicants Non-EU/EEA applicants need to require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a>
Up to and including 15 January 2024, 23:59 CET	Application deadline for non-EU/EEA applicants who want to be considered for the UM NL-High Potential Scholarship
Up to and including 1 March 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline <b>second</b> * selection round for completing the entire application process for all applicants Non-EU/EEA applicants need to require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a>

\* You can apply in the first or second selection round. Both selection rounds have equal admission chances.

## General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2024-2025 for the master Forensic Psychology depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

## **Graduates from a Dutch university bachelor's in Psychology or Mental Health Science**

You qualify for admission to this master's programme.

## **Graduates from a relevant non-Dutch bachelor's programme**

You qualify for admission if you have a university bachelor's degree with the following subjects relevant to this master's programme:

- Basic training in clinical interviewing skills
- Basic training in psychological assessment
- Basic training in research methodology and statistical analysis
- Basic training in psychopathology

## **Additional requirements**

### **Language requirements for English-language master's programmes**

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

### **Applicants who received their previous education in a non-EU/EEA country (handling fee)**

Applicants for this study programme who received their previous 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](#).

## **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 have to upload documents. The list below gives you an insight into what documents you will 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 most recent grades transcript**
- **A certified copy of your bachelor's diploma**  
*If you have not graduated yet, you can upload the official grades transcript of your bachelor's programme.*
- **A curriculum vitae**  
*List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.*
- **A motivation letter** (max. 500 words)  
*Provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at UM and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.*
- **An Academic Background Form**  
*The document 'Academic Background Form' that needs to be filled in will be offered to you in the MyApplication portal under the task 'Proof your academic capabilities'.*

*Please note: your application will be assessed, even without recommendations.*

\*As a UM student it is not necessary to upload this document in the MyApplication portal. Unless your passport is not valid on 1 September 2023; in that case you do have to upload a copy of your passport.

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

- **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in English**  
*Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master's programmes' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate which document(s) you can use to prove your proficiency.*

**Please note:**

Make sure to upload the documents in the MyApplication portal in **PDF** or **Word**-format. Do not upload **Zip files**, we cannot open these files.

Only **complete** registrations will be taken into consideration.

All documents must be in **English**.

Avoid last-minute application stress! Last-minute applications may delay the scheduling of a possible interview and the communication of your application outcome as well.

## **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 in this section.

For the master's programme in Forensic Psychology selection takes place based on your knowledge and skills. But your suitability is also important. You need an attitude and motivation that fits a programme that embraces the scientist-practitioner model. The intention of the selection procedure is to optimise the chances that you will be able to complete the programme within the time stipulated. A maximum of 24 students will be admitted.

There are two selection rounds: one in January/February and one in April/May. Both selection rounds have equal admission chances.

Every selection round exists of two steps.

## **Selection procedure**

## **Step 1, assessment of your application**

After all required documents have been received, the Board of Admissions will carefully assess your application. Within six weeks after the relevant application deadline, you will be notified whether or not you have been selected for the second step of the selection procedure.

## **Step 2, interview**

In the second phase of the selection procedure you will be invited for an (online) interview. On the basis of the interview, the Board of Admissions evaluates your knowledge and skills level, attitude and motivation in relation to the programme's objectives. The Board applies the following selection criteria:

- motivation and ability to acquire knowledge in the area of forensic psychology;
- motivation and ability to critically analyse the scientific research base in a specific forensic domain;
- attitude and communication skills necessary for a future career in forensic settings;
- motivation and ability to further scientific and clinical developments in the forensic field;
- openness to learning within an international student environment;
- excellent command of the English language.

Interviews will take place in January/February (first selection round), and April/May (second selection round).

## **Message about your application status**

Based on the documents you have submitted and the selection procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to offer you a place in this study programme. Once the UM has made this decision, you will be informed about it by email. We strive to let you know if you are offered a place or not, within six weeks from the application deadline.

If there are more candidates than places, candidates that qualify for admission may be placed on a waiting list. This means that the final acceptance decision is delayed and that the UM offering you a place in the study programme depends on the availability of places.