



Dutch
Language



Full Time
Format



September
Start date



Maastricht
Location

Bachelor Medicine

Numerus fixus

The Medicine programme is centred around authentic professional tasks and focuses on collaborative and self-regulation of learning. Knowledge, skills and attitude are taught using real world tasks from physicians. You practice on each other and simulated patients.

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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, selection procedure and assessment) for the Dutch-language bachelor's programme in Medicine for the *academic year 2026-2027*. Questions about admission? Contact us via study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

The Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine is a programme with (additional) admission requirements. Sitting an examination in a certain subject does not mean that you

automatically satisfy the statutory previous education and/or additional subject requirements. There are strict requirements concerning number of study hours, content, difficulty of the material dealt with, and examinations completed.

⚠ Important notice: the possibility to enrol in the English-language track of the bachelor's programme in Medicine is discontinued as of the academic year 2026-2027. International students can still be admitted to the Dutch-language bachelor's programme in Medicine, provided they successfully complete the selection process and meet the Dutch language requirements before the start of the programme. These requirements include the 'Staatsexamen Nt2 diploma' (at least level II) or an equivalent certification.

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Selection

The **Dutch-language** bachelor's programme in Medicine is an educational fixus programme with selection; not everybody who qualifies for admission will also be offered a place in the study programme. The selection procedure consists of two rounds and is conducted entirely in Dutch, both in terms of the information provided by the university and the documents to be submitted by applicants. Please read all the information

on this page carefully.

The total intake capacity at Maastricht is determined each year; in 2026-2027 it is 359 students. Of the available training places, 50 are reserved for the [Physician-Clinical Investigator](#) Master's programme (A-KO taught in Dutch), 309 places are dedicated to the [Dutch language bachelor's programme in Medicine](#).

Questions about the selection procedure?

Send your questions regarding the Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine selection procedure to decsel-ba-gen@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Application deadlines

The Dutch-language bachelor's programme in Medicine starts in September.

The deadlines below are applicable for applicants who want to start their studies in September 2026.

Note: if you are viewing this webpage on your phone, we recommend using landscape mode.

Date	What you need to know about this date
As soon as possible from 1 October 2025	Apply via Studielink* (open for applications for the academic year 2026-2027 from 1 October) <i>In Studielink, choose 'B Medicine'</i>
15 January 2026, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for all applicants (both applicants who have a EU/EEA or Swiss nationality, and applicants who have a non-EU/EEA nationality) Uploads after this deadline will not be taken into consideration. <i>Note: In most cases, applicants with a non-EU/EEA nationality will need a visa and/or residence</i>

Date	What you need to know about this date
	permit
Before 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET	Submit the online portfolio and addendum and the homework assignment belonging to the portfolio (round 1 selection procedure – document is in Dutch) <i>Submit via the link to the online portfolio that you receive per email</i>
Before 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET	Applying for sufficiency check, if applicable <i>A number of candidates can apply for a ‘sufficiency check’, if the knowledge in a specific subject needs to be assessed. Students notified of this in the MyApplication portal will have the opportunity to upload a syllabus in the MyApplication portal before 22 January.</i>
6 February 2026	You will receive an email about whether or not you can move on to the second round
21 February 2026	Selection day in Maastricht (round 2 selection procedure – document is in Dutch) <i>During the selection day, you need to complete a number of assignments that test various cognitive and (inter)personal features and skills</i>
Before 20 March 2026, 16:00 CET	Upload a completed ‘Deficiency elimination schedule’ <i>- Candidates who still have remaining subject deficiencies (= do not meet the requirements of all necessary subjects) on 15 January 2026 must upload a completed ‘Definitive time plan’, including supporting documentation. In this document, candidates indicate how and when they will eliminate their deficiencies.</i> <i>- Upload in the MyApplication portal</i>

Date	What you need to know about this date
15 April 2026	You will receive your ranking position via email and Studielink will start issuing proofs of placement <i>- The ranking is based on the candidates' performances during the selection day.</i> <i>- If you receive a proof of placement, you have to accept this within two weeks in Studielink. If you do not do this in time, you will lose the place that was offered to you.</i>
Before 16 July 2026, 16:00 CET	Before this deadline, applicants must submit proof that they meet the statutory previous education (additional) subject requirements to eliminate their deficiencies <i>If you are unable to demonstrate that you have rectified any deficiencies by 16 July 2026, 16:00 CET at the latest, for example because your exam results will only be issued after 16 July 2026, then you must send an email to decsel-ba-gen@maastrichtuniversity.nl</i> <i>Your application will be rejected if you miss the deadline for submitting evidence that you have rectified any deficiencies and/or do not request a postponement of that deadline on time, or if your request for postponement of that deadline is turned down. In that case, you will not be enrolled and will no longer qualify for a place in the bachelor's in Medicine for the 2026-2027 academic year.</i>
1 August 2026	Strongly recommended deadline for paying the tuition fee
Before 31 August 2026, 16:00 CET	Submit proof that you meet the language requirement <i>Submit via the MyApplication Portal</i>
31 August 2026,	Deadline for completing all tasks in the MyApplication portal^{**}

Date	What you need to know about this date
23:59 CET	If you need a visa and/or residence permit , you must complete most tasks by an earlier date.

**Studielink is the national registration system for higher education,*

***The MyApplication portal is Maastricht University's application and enrolment platform.*

The deadline for registering via Studielink and the deadline for completing the entire application process is equal. For both the deadline is 15 January 2026, 23:59 CET.

Visa/residence permit for study

Are you a non-EU/EEA national requiring a visa/residence permit for study? Click here for — more information

Please note that Maastricht University can **only** formally apply for your [visa/residence permit](#) if you have met all admission and enrolment requirements.

This means you have to have completed all admission and enrolment tasks in the MyApplication portal (except the 'visa/residence permit'-task and the 'send certified copy of diploma'-task) before we can send your application to the IND (Dutch Immigration and Naturalization Service).

We have to send the application to the IND before 1 July if you are starting your studies in September. Please note: a few pre-master and master programmes offer a start in February. If your study programme offers a start in February and you want to start your studies in February, we have to send the application to the IND before 1 December. You can find out if your study programme offers a start in February on the admission requirements web page of that programme ([pre-master's](#), [master's](#)).

Therefore, we **strongly recommend** that you reconsider applying for this study programme if you are not sure that you will meet the following requirements before 1 July/1 December (if applicable in your situation):

- ⦿ Having remedied all subject and/or language deficiencies (if applicable)
 - ⦿ Having qualified for admission to your study programme, including being selected ([if applicable to your study programme](#)) AND
 - ⦿ Having paid the tuition fee for your study programme
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General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2026-2027 for the Dutch-language bachelor's programme in Medicine depend among other things on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Applicants with a Dutch diploma

If you possess one of the diplomas stated below then, in principle, you qualify for admission.

- ⦿ A new-style VWO diploma with the **profile Natuur en Gezondheid** (Science and Health) **with profile subject Physics**
- ⦿ A new-style VWO diploma with the **profile Natuur en Techniek** (Science and Engineering) **with profile subject Biology**
- ⦿ An OU (Open University) propaedeutic diploma, HBO propaedeutic diploma, HBO degree diploma, university propaedeutic diploma or university degree diploma. Sufficient knowledge at VWO level of the subjects Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics is required.

An old-style VWO diploma no longer gives the right to admission.

If you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma (Dutch secondary education), in principle you qualify for admission to this programme. Check the list of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma to see if this applies to your diploma.

➤ [List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2026-2027](#)

If your diploma is not included in this list, Maastricht University (UM) will first determine whether you qualify for admission.

Please note: this step will take extra time so it is important to apply early, preferably before 1 November 2025.

Please be aware that if you register after 1 November 2025, you are taking the risk that UM can't assess on time whether you meet the admission requirements and/or you will not be able to complete eliminating one (or more) of your deficiencies on time. As a result, you may not be able to start the programme in the academic year 2026-2027.

Additional subject requirements for applicants with a non-Dutch diploma

To qualify for admission to the **Dutch-language** bachelor's programme in Medicine, you need to have the following subjects in your previous education with a duration and depth equivalent to the Dutch VWO: Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The following diplomas satisfy those requirements:

➤ [Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2026-2027](#)

If your diploma or degree differs from those listed above, the UM will assess whether you can demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the four compulsory subjects (Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, and Biology) and therefore qualify for an exemption (sufficiëntieverklaring) for these subjects on an individual basis. This assessment is based on the attainment aims for final examination in Dutch secondary education (VWO) in the relevant subject and the national agreements made within the Central Commissions Pre-examination (in Dutch: CCVX). The assessment takes extra time, so be sure to register

for it at the earliest possible date, preferably before **1 November 2025**.

Bear in mind that if you register after 1 November 2025, you are at risk that UM can't assess on time whether you meet the admission requirements and/or you will not be able to complete the definitive schedule for eliminating one (or more) of your deficiencies on time. As a result, you may not be able to begin the programme in the 2026-2027 academic year.

Note! Sitting an examination in a certain subject does not mean that you automatically satisfy the previous and/or additional education requirements. There are strict requirements concerning number of study hours, content, difficulty of the material dealt with, and examinations completed.

Applicants without the appropriate diploma and 21 years of age or older

If you do not have the necessary diplomas, you may still be eligible for admission with an entrance exam (the Colloquium Doctum exam). For this, you must be 21 years of age or older.

The Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences (FHML) of the UM does not organise a Colloquium Doctum exam. You must demonstrate with certificates that you have mastered the required subjects at **Dutch VWO-level new style**. These are: **Dutch, English, Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics A or B and Physics**. You must arrange obtaining the certificates yourself.

- ⦿ You can take courses in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at [Boswell-Bèta](#)
- ⦿ For the Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics exams, you can go to [Boswell-Bèta](#) or [Central Committees for Entrance Exams \(CCVX\) – entrance exam](#)
- ⦿ For the English subject, you can go to [Babel](#) or [the UM Language Centre](#)
- ⦿ For the Dutch language certification, you can turn to the [CNaVT](#) > Educatief Startbewaam Competent (STRT) and Educatief Professioneel (EDUP) (toelating hoger onderwijs).

Once you pass the exams, you must send the certificates to UM by postal mail or to a designated email address. You will find

more information in the MyApplication portal under 'Certified copy diploma'.

Applicants who do not meet the previous and/or additional education requirements

If you already have or will be awarded a Dutch secondary education (VWO) or equivalent diploma but do not satisfy the additional requirements for the subjects Biology, Physics, Chemistry and/or Mathematics, you must sit an additional examination. If you must sit an additional examination in Mathematics you can choose Mathematics A or B. These additional examinations are organised by [CCVX](#)  (Central Commissions Pre-examination, in Dutch: Centrale Commissies Voortentamens) and/or [Boswell/Bèta](#).  You can sit the examinations in either English or Dutch.

Note! If you wish to begin your programme in the 2026-2027 academic year, you must have submitted a certificate for all compulsory subjects by 15 January 2026, 16:00 CET **OR** include a complete and detailed plan stating how you will obtain the relevant certificate/certificates on time in your portfolio (deadline 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET) as well as in the definitive schedule for satisfying the (additional) statutory admission requirements (deadline 20 March 2026, 16:00 CET).

Secondary school students who will receive mid-2026 their first Dutch secondary education (VWO) or one of the explicitly above mentioned equivalent diplomas with required examination courses, are not considered deficient. In case of a diploma that will be assessed on individual basis by the UM, one or more subject deficiencies may exist. Please have your diploma and subject combination/profile checked in time.

Applying for sufficiency check

In the evaluation of your diploma / grades transcript, it is possible that it is not clear whether you meet the subject requirements in a specific subject. Because education programmes can vary widely, we then need detailed information about the curriculum of the specific subject you have taken in order to assess your knowledge level. The

knowledge requirements are based on the attainment levels for the final examination in Dutch pre-university education (VWO) and the national agreements made within the Dutch Central Committees for Entrance Exams (CCVX).

If this is applicable to you, we offer you the possibility to fill in a syllabus to have your knowledge of the specific subject assessed by the Colloquium Doctum committee. Guidelines and requirements of the syllabus can then be found in the MyApplication portal.

Be aware: the deadline for requesting the sufficiency check (and thus uploading the syllabus) is **22 January 2026**. **Requests submitted after this date will not be taken into consideration.**

Additional requirements

Language requirements for the Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine

As Dutch is the language of instruction in this study programme, it is essential that your Dutch language skills are good enough for you to undertake intensive and challenging academic courses that are taught and examined in Dutch.

Answer the questions below to find out if you meet the language requirements:

Do you hold a Dutch HAVO or VWO diploma?

Yes

No

Applicants whose diploma is based on a non-EU-EEA curriculum (handling fee)

Applicants for this study programme whose diploma is based on a non-EU/EEA curriculum are required to pay a handling fee. This applies even if the educational institution is located within the EU/EEA, as the fee is based on the curriculum, not the location of the institution. 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.

Disclaimer

- ⦿ *Maastricht University will keep your personal information confidential.*
- ⦿ *The information provided is stored in a secure environment using encrypted web technology and treated confidentially, according to European General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and is solely used for the purpose of processing your application.*
- ⦿ *You have the right to change, supplement or remove the provided information. This can be done by sending an email to decsel-ba-gen@maastrichtuniversity.nl*
- ⦿ *Maastricht University will not share your information with third parties without your prior explicit permission.*

Required documents for all applicants to this study programme

- ⦿ **A recent passport picture**
The passport picture must satisfy certain requirements. You can find these requirements in the task description 'Upload portrait picture' in the MyApplication portal.
- ⦿ **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 grades transcript AND/OR a copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it

- **The online portfolio** (round 1 selection procedure)

The portfolio that you fill in online consists of a pre-structured CV and a number of questions in answer to which you explain your decision to apply for a place in the Dutch language bachelor's programme in Medicine) at the UM. The online portfolio is available from 1 December 2025 on via a link in your email, and must be completed in full and correctly before 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET (Central European Time).*

Candidates who have registered in Studielink before 1 December 2025 and were noticed by UM Admissions whether or not they fulfil the statutory (additional) previous education requirements for admission to the bachelor's in Medicine, will receive an email with the link to the online portfolio on 1 December 2025.

Candidates who register in Studielink on or after 1 December 2025 and then get a notice from UM Admissions on whether or not they fulfil the statutory (additional) previous education requirements for admission to the Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine, will receive an email with the link to the online portfolio in two to three working days after the UM Admissions notice.

Please also check your SPAM inbox! If you have not yet received an email after five working days, please contact decsel-ba-gen@maastrichtuniversity.nl

**Please note: Between 25 December and 5 January, no emails containing the link to the online portfolio will be sent. The FHML Institute for Education will be closed during this period. We advise you to take this into account when applying.*

- **The addendum to the online portfolio**

Information about the addendum to the online portfolio will be available within the online portfolio itself. The addendum must be submitted within the online portfolio itself before 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET.

Please note: those who followed / are following their pre-university education in the Netherlands must add a scan of

the [UNL list](#) to the addendum.

⦿ **The homework assignment**

Information about the homework assignment will be available within the online portfolio itself. The homework assignment must be submitted within the online portfolio itself before 22 January 2026, 16:00 CET.

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

⦿ **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency in Dutch**

Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for the Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine' 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.

⦿ **Documents proving proficiency in the required subjects**

(Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology)

If you are found to be deficient for one of the required subjects, you must demonstrate by means of a certificate that you have sufficient knowledge to remedy this deficiency. If you qualify for a sufficiency check, then you must, for every subject for which a sufficiency check is required, compile a dossier for assessment of admissibility by the Colloquium Doctum committee. This dossier must be uploaded in the MyApplication portal.

⦿ **The Deficiency elimination schedule for timely satisfying the statutory previous education and/or additional subject requirements 2026**

- If you do not (yet) satisfy the previous education subject requirements, you have one or more deficiencies. If you have one or more deficiencies on 15 January 2026 at 16:00 CET, you must produce a detailed schedule showing that you will be able to satisfy all the admission requirements on time. See the document 'Deficiency elimination schedule'; in the MyApplication portal.

- The entire definitive schedule must be submitted in the MyApplication portal before 20 March 2026, 16:00 CET.

🕒 Permission for document verification form

If your previous education is not verified by DUO (Dienst Uitvoering Onderwijs, the Dutch government agency responsible for education-related matters). In that case, you will need to upload the form 'Permission for document verification' in the MyApplication portal. This form allows Maastricht University to verify your diploma, grades transcript or other required documents directly with the issuing institution or relevant qualification registry.

You must submit evidence that you satisfy all the statutory previous education and/or additional subject requirements 2026-2027 by 16 July 2026*, 16:00 CET at the latest. If you are unable to demonstrate that you have rectified any deficiencies by 16 July 2026*, 16:00 CET at the latest, for example because your exam results will only be issued after 16 July 2026, then you must send an email to decsel-ba-gen@maastrichtuniversity.nl. Bear in mind that the organising institutes of the additional examinations ([CCVX](#) and [Boswell/Bèta](#)) have a maximum of 20 working days to make the result known. Therefore make sure you take your exam on time.

**The deadline for non-EU/EEA applicants is before 1 June 2026, 23:59 CET (postponement cannot be given).*

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 about this in this section.

First, UM will assess whether your previous education makes that you qualify for admission. Therefore, it is very important that you check beforehand whether you satisfy the requirements.

Selection process

If you qualify for admission, you can continue the selection and enrolment process.

It is important that you check regularly your messages and to do list in Studielink and in the MyApplication portal and that you follow the instructions carefully and timely.

Candidates who participate in the selection procedure will be assessed according to predetermined selection criteria. See the document below for more information about the selection criteria.

 [Selection criteria bachelor in Medicine – academic year 2026-2027](#) (in Dutch)

The selection process consists of two rounds:

Round 1

The selection committee assesses the submitted portfolio, the addendum to the portfolio and the homework assignment. For more information regarding the procedure of round 1 see the document below. On **6 February 2026**, you will be informed by email whether you are invited for the selection day.

 [Procedure round 1 selection bachelor in Medicine - academic year 2026-2027](#) (in Dutch)

Round 2

You will come to Maastricht on **21 February 2026** for a selection day. You will be asked to complete several assignments that test your cognitive and (inter)personal skills

If applicable, the selection committee will assess your uploaded document 'Definite elimination schedule'. For more information regarding the procedure of round 2 see the document below.

 [Procedure round 2 selection bachelor in Medicine - academic year 2026-2027](#) (in Dutch)

Assessment

Based on the selection procedure, the selection committee will produce a ranking. This ranking is submitted to Studielink. On **15 April 2026**, you will be informed about your ranking number. Studielink will begin to issue proofs of placements.

Please note: receipt of a proof of placement cannot be considered as official Proof of Admission for the Dutch-language bachelor's in Medicine at Maastricht University (UM).

UM will first check whether you satisfy all (additional) admission and registration requirements on time.

You must redeem your proof of placement in Studielink within two weeks. If you do not do so by the deadline, you will forfeit the place you have been offered.

Study advice at the end of year 1

At the end of year 1 of the study programme, the bachelor competence assessment committee determines the result for the competency exam year 1. The admission to the second year is determined in the competency exam year 1. The details are described in the [Education and Examination Regulations \(EER\)](#) of the programme.



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