



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 Artificial Intelligence for *academic year 2023-2024*.

Important deadlines for study programme application

The master's in Artificial Intelligence has **two intakes**: [September](#) and [February](#).

If you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is important that you inform yourself of the requirements and the deadlines that you need to meet. The important deadlines 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 September 2023 (academic year 2023-2024)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2022	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024 (study start in September 2023)
Up to and including 1 May 2023, 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 2023, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland
31 August 2023, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL/IELTS) for all applicants

Please note:

- The master's programme in Artificial Intelligence is listed under the '[transnationale Universiteit Limburg \(tUL\)](#)' in the 'Educational institution' tab in Studielink. Maastricht University (UM) is part of the tUL; this programme is taught at UM just like our other master's programmes.
- In Studielink you also need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select September 2023 if you start on 1 September 2023.
- Find out if you can apply for [a scholarship](#) or [financial aid](#). Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above.

Start in February 2024 (academic year 2023-2024)

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 July 2023	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024 (study start in February 2024)
Up to and including 1 November 2023, 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 December 2023, 23:59 CET*	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland
Up to and including 31 January 2024, 23:59 CET	If applicable: deadline for submitting English proficiency test results (TOEFL/IELTS) for all applicants

**these dates are subject to change*

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- In Studielink you also need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select February 2024 if you start on 1 February 2024.
- Find out if you can apply for [a scholarship](#) or [financial aid](#). Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above.

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2023/24 for the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Graduates from related programmes at Maastricht, Hasselt and Aachen universities

Graduates from the following bachelor's programmes qualify directly for admission:

- Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (formerly known as Data Science and Knowledge Engineering) from Maastricht University, BSc
- Computer Science from Hasselt University, BSc
- Angewandte Mathematik und Informatik (formerly known as Scientific Programming) from Aachen University (MATSE), BSc
- Computer Science from Zuyd Hogeschool including a bridging minor that is approved by the UM Department of Advanced Computing Sciences. (see 'Graduates from a university of applied sciences' below for more details)

Graduates from the following bachelor's programmes qualify for admissions:

- Maastricht Science Programme from Maastricht University, BSC (depending on curriculum)

Note: you must have passed all your bachelor's requirements by 31 August at the latest for the September study-start or by 31 January for the February study-start.

Graduates from other institutes

You will be considered for admission by the Board of Admissions if you have a bachelor's degree or an equivalent diploma in a programme such as Artificial Intelligence, Computer Science or Technical Data Science.

Graduates from a research university

You can be admitted to the programme if your qualification provides sufficient preparation both in terms of academic level and content. The level of your degree should be equivalent to a bachelor's degree from a research university in the Netherlands; here the guidelines of Nuffic (the Dutch Organisation for Internationalisation in Education) will be taken into account, as well as the national standing of your university and the grades you have obtained.

The required competences are:

- **Computer science:** including software development, data structures & algorithms
- **Programming:** experience in object-oriented languages e.g. Java, C#, C++, Python
- **Mathematics:** including calculus, linear algebra, probability and statistics

Graduates from a university of applied sciences

Graduates from Zuyd Hogeschool

Bachelor's students graduating from the Computer Science programme at Zuyd Hogeschool, who have completed a particular set of minors at their own institution and additionally have completed a bridging minor at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences during their studies, are directly admissible to the master's programme in Artificial Intelligence programme. Contact your study advisor at Zuyd Hogeschool for more details.

Graduates from other universities of applied sciences

Students with a degree from other universities of applied sciences (Dutch HBO or international equivalent) in a related field can gain access to the master's programme upon successful completion of a one-semester pre-master's programme.

[More information about the pre-master's programme for the MSc in Artificial Intelligence](#)

In case of deficiencies in your prior knowledge, the Board may offer you a one-semester pre-master programme at the Department of Advanced Computing Sciences. If you complete the pre-master successfully in one semester, you are directly admissible to the master's programme.

The pre-master programme is tailor-made based on your previous knowledge and skills. [For more information, please contact \[dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl\]\(mailto:dacs-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl\)](#)

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master 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](#).

Credit transfer

You can apply for a credit transfer/exemptions if you have completed courses at a recognised and accredited higher education institution that were, similar in terms of content and level.

For more information please contact dacs-boe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Documents required for the 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**
- **A copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it
If you have obtained a diploma for more relevant studies than one, please upload all diplomas and grade transcripts.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
List your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **A motivation essay**
Give good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University, and why you expect that you can successfully complete the programme.

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

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

- **Course descriptions** (in English) of the **mathematics and computer science courses** that are listed on your grade transcript
We always advise you to provide this document, especially if your grade transcript does not contain the same course names as the topics mentioned in the [admission requirements](#).
- **Evidence of other courses or tests in mathematics/computer sciences** that are not part of your grade transcript, but which you think are relevant to assess your application (for instance an additional online programming course)
Advised for all applicants.
- **Proof of your language proficiency in English**
Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out which are the requirements. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you should send to prove your proficiency. This usually is an IELTS or TOEFL result.

Please note:

- Only **complete** applications will be reviewed.
- Your **Curriculum Vitae and motivation essay** should be **in English**.
- All **other documents** may be handed in in **English, Dutch or German**.

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 here.

Based on the documents you have submitted and the admission procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to admit you. Once UM has made a decision on your admissibility, you will be informed about this by email.