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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 master's programme in Business Research for *academic year 2023-2024*.

(!) Please note: It is no longer possible to enrol for this master programme via Studielink because this programme will no longer be offered by Maastricht University as of September 2024. Current students and students starting in September 2023 will still be able to follow and finish this programme in full.

## 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.

## Required documents

The admission requirements for this programme depend on your previous education.

**Select your previous or current education to check what documents you need to upload:**

- [Dutch or Flemish university degree](#)
- [International bachelor's degree](#)

Upload all required documents for the application procedure via the MyApplication portal. Go to [Admission & Registration](#) to learn more about the admission and registration procedure.

## Dutch or Flemish university degree

## Relevant NVAO-accredited study programme

Some study programmes in the Netherlands and 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 via the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme**  
Upload a grades transcript from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **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.
- **Two letters of recommendation**  
Provide two relevant letters of recommendation, preferably from academic staff members.
- **Two names of members of the teaching staff** that supervised or taught you during the bachelor's programme (only for SBE bachelor's students).
- **A recent passport picture**
- **A copy of your valid passport or your EU/EEA identity card**

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## Other Dutch university degree

If you have another bachelor's or master's degree from a Dutch university, you qualify for admission. Please upload the following documents via the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme including GPA**  
Upload a grades transcript from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Curriculum vitae**  
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- **Motivation letter**  
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- **Two letters of recommendation**  
Provide two relevant letters of recommendation, preferably from academic staff members.
- **Proof of academic capabilities or GMAT/GRE score report**
  - *Proof of academic capabilities*  
Use the standard template [proof of academic capabilities](#) and insert all your proof into the file.
  - *GMAT/GRE score report*  
As an alternative to the above mentioned Proof of Academic Capabilities, you can do a GMAT or GRE test. Minimum required GMAT scores: 550 (total score) and 4.0 (Analytical Writing Assessment).  
Please request the test centre to send an official score report directly to Maastricht University, School of Business and Economics.  
[More information about the GMAT/GRE test](#)
- **A recent passport picture**
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## International bachelor's degree

You have obtained or will obtain an international bachelor's degree. However, applicants from AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's programmes need to fulfil different admission requirements than students with another international bachelor's degree.

[List of AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's programmes](#)

Is your education mentioned on this list? Please go to ['AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's degrees'](#)

Is your education not mentioned on this list? Please go to ['Other international bachelor's degrees'](#)

## AACSB or EQUIS accredited bachelor's degree

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). It is important to know that the burden of proof rests with the applicant. Please upload the following documents via the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme including GPA**  
Upload a formal grades transcript (signed and stamped by your educational institute) from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Curriculum vitae**  
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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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## Other international bachelor's degree

If you have another international bachelor's degree from a university (e.g. not AACSB or EQUIS accredited), you qualify for admission. Please upload the following documents via

the MyApplication portal:

- **Grades transcript of your bachelor's programme including GPA**  
Upload a grades transcript from each university you have attended, plus a translation if the original is not in English.
- **Curriculum vitae**  
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### Questions?

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