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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 bachelor's programme in Circular Engineering for *academic year 2023-2024*.

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Important deadlines for study programme application

Applicable when starting on 1 September 2023

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 2022	<p>Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024</p> <p>Deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit).</p>
Up to and including 1 April 2023, 23:59 CET	<p><i>Non-EU/EEA applicants who need a visa and/or residence permit must also upload a copy of their valid passport and a copy of their most recent grades transcript/diploma) in the MyApplication portal before the deadline of 1 April 2023, 23:59 CET. If your file is not completed before the deadline, your application will not be considered.</i></p>
Up to and including 1 May 2023, 23:59 CET	<p>Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA and Switzerland.</p>

Please note: in Studielink you need to **choose the starting moment**. Please make sure to select **September 2023** in the pull-down-menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year.

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for the academic year 2023-2024 for the bachelor's programme in Circular Engineering depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements

apply to you.

Applicants with a Dutch diploma

You qualify for admission if you have one of the following diplomas:

- VWO Natuur en Techniek
- VWO Natuur en Gezondheid + Wiskunde B + Natuurkunde

If you do not have one of the above mentioned diplomas, Maastricht University will decide whether you qualify for admission.

Need more information?

Feel free to contact us directly in case of questions about the admission requirements: fse-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma

You qualify for admission if you have one of the following diplomas with the following subjects:

German: Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife (Abitur)

- Mathematics (Grundkurs up to and including the final year)
- Physics (Grundkurs up to and including the final year)
- Chemistry and / or Biology (Grundkurs up to and including the final year)

Belgium: Algemeen Secundair Onderwijs (ASO), Diplome de l'Enseignement Secondaire Supérieur, enseignement Général or Abschlusszeugnis der Oberstufe des Sekundarunterrichts, allgemeinbildender Unterricht

- Mathematics (at least 4 hours per week in last two years)
- Physics (min. 2 hours per week in last two years)
- Chemistry and / or Biology (min. 2 hours per week in last two years)

United Kingdom: British A/AS-levels, (I)GCSE's and/or AICE

- Mathematics (GCE A-level)
- Physics (GCE A-level)
- Chemistry and / or Biology (GCE A- or AS-level)

European Baccalaureate

- Mathematics (at least 5 hours per week in the last 2 years, and as an exam subject)
- Physics (up to and including the final year, and as an exam subject)
- Chemistry and/or Biology (up to and including the final year, and as an exam subject)

International Baccalaureate

- Mathematics (Analysis and Approaches HL), or
- Mathematics (Analysis and Approaches SL with a minimum final grade of 5), or
- Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL with a minimum final grade of 5, or
- Mathematics / Further Mathematics (HL, exam before 2021)

- Physics (SL)
- Chemistry and / or Biology (SL)

If your diploma is not mentioned above, Maastricht University must evaluate it first. **As this takes time, please apply as early as possible.**

[List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma 2023/2024](#)

Applicants who do not meet the subject requirements

UM will always check whether you qualify for admission, and you will be informed if you do not meet the admission requirements.

Eliminating deficiencies

If you have a [VWO diploma or international equivalent](#), but do not meet the [subject requirements](#), you can take additional courses and/or exams at the following institutes:

Mathematics

- [CCVX \(Wiskunde B\)](#)
- [Boswell-Beta \(Wiskunde B\)](#)
- [Korteweg-de Vries Institute for Mathematics \(Wiskunde B\)](#)
- [OMPT](#) (OMPT-B min. score 70% or OMPT-D min. score 60%)

Physics, Chemistry and / or Biology

- [CCVX](#)
- [Boswell-Beta](#)

For students proficient in Dutch, deficiencies can also be lifted by obtaining 'vwo-deelcertificaten'.

Please note that Maastricht University does not have a corporate agreement with external institutes and therefore cannot help you with applying for courses or exams offered by external parties.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language 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 Dutch pre-university education (VWO) diploma?

YesNoUndo

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

Applicants to 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 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 grades transcript**
- **A certified copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it

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

- **Prove proficiency in subjects with evidence of additional courses or tests in the required subjects** (if applicable)
- **Outcome of your language test with sufficient result** (if applicable)

Credit transfer

If you have studied at a university (of applied sciences) before, you may qualify for exemptions up to a maximum of 30 ECTS. This means you can use the results you obtained elsewhere for your study programme at Maastricht University.

The Board of Examiners will determine whether this is possible in your case. They will compare the content and level of your previous education with the course or subject for which you are requesting exemption. To make use of this possibility, you must submit an exemption request to the study programme's Board of Examiners. The Board of Examiners will only consider a request for exemption when you are enrolled in the study programme in question.

How do we assess your application?

Matching Procedure

Maastricht University finds it most important that you choose a study programme and learning environment that suits you well and in which you can be successful. This is why a Matching Procedure is an optional part of the application process. However, you are not required to complete the Matching Procedure to be qualified for admission if you have met all other requirements.

We strongly advise you to participate in the Matching Procedure. You will receive an invitation to complete the questionnaire on your private email address, which you have indicated in Studielink. Please complete this task before 1 May. Read the course descriptions and study programme information on our website before you begin. You will receive feedback via email. Based on the

outcome, you may receive an invitation to discuss your application with a member of the academic staff or the study advisor.

[Read more about the variety of application processes within Maastricht University.](#)

Privacy statement Matching Procedure

[Read more about the privacy statement for the Matching Procedure](#)

Binding Study Advice

This study programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 45 out of 60 ECTS credits. Students who fail to meet these criteria will receive a negative Binding Study Advice that leads to exclusion from the programme for a period of six years. All students who are at risk of receiving a negative Binding Study Advice will receive a warning after the first semester.