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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 Economics and Business Economics for *academic year 2023-2024*.

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Important deadlines for 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 portrait mode.

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2022	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024
15 January 2023, 23:59 CET	Early application deadline for EU/EEA-students and non-EU/EEA-students
1 April 2023, 23:59 CET	Ultimate deadline for completing the entire application process for non-EU/EEA applicants (these applicants require a visa or residence permit)
15 April 2023	Outcome International Classroom Essay if applied before 15 January
1 May 2023, 23:59 CET	Ultimate deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants

Previous education

Applicants with a Dutch diploma

If you have one of the diplomas stated below then, in principle, you qualify for admission:

- VWO diploma 'Natuur en Techniek'
- VWO diploma 'Natuur en Gezondheid'
- VWO diploma 'Economie en Maatschappij'
- VWO diploma 'Cultuur en Maatschappij' + wisA or wisB
- HBO propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisA or wisB

- OU propedeuse + mathematics level VWO wisA or wisB

Questions?

If you have questions regarding your previous education, please contact:

study@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma

If you have a non-Dutch diploma that is equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma you, in principle, qualify for admission to this programme. Check if this applies to your diploma.

[List of diplomas equivalent to the Dutch vwo diploma 2023/24](#)

Applicants with a non-equivalent non-Dutch diploma

If you are an international applicant, and you do not meet the admission requirements, then you may be eligible for the Foundation Programme. The Foundation Programme will provide you with intensive training in academic skills, courses relevant to your chosen bachelor's programme, and English language skills (depending on your level).

After successfully completing the Foundation Programme, you will be eligible for admission to this bachelor's programme. Additionally, the Foundation Programme offers support outside of the classroom and organises events that will help you make new friends and adjust to life in the Netherlands and at Maastricht University.

[Learn more about the Foundation Programme](#)

Mathematics requirement

For this bachelor's programme, certain Dutch mathematics courses or a foreign equivalent are compulsory. The required mathematics courses are:

- **Dutch diplomas:** vwo mathematics level wiskunde A or wiskunde B
- **German diplomas:** "Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife": Grundkurs Mathematics up to and including the final year
- **Belgian diplomas:** "Diploma van Secundair Onderwijs": Mathematics at least 3 hours per week in the last 2 years.
- **International Baccalaureate from Geneva:**
 - Mathematics Analysis and Approaches HL or SL
 - Mathematics Applications and Interpretations HL or SL
- **European Baccalaureate:** Mathematics at least 3 hours per week in the final 2 years
- **British A/AS-levels, (I)GCE's and/or AICE:** Mathematics GCE A- or AS level

[Additional subject requirement pertaining to non-Dutch entry qualifications 2023-2024](#)

Mathematics deficiency

Students who do not meet the required mathematics level, have a so-called **mathematics deficiency**. The mathematics deficiency has to be cleared before the start of the bachelor's first

year. To help you meet the mathematic requirement, we offer an **online preparatory math course** and an **online exam**.

Read more about the [mathematics deficiency](#).

Questions?

If you have questions about the mathematics requirement, please check the [FAQ](#) or contact:

Student Services Centre

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Refresh your mathematics skills

Do you meet the mathematics requirement, but still want to improve your mathematics skills? We offer an **online preparatory math course**. Mathematics and statistics are essential in this programme. Our experience learns that quite a lot of students are not sufficiently prepared for the introductory courses that start right away in September. To avoid problems during those first months, we designed this online preparatory math course. The course is aimed at:

- Students who took the non-science track mathematics in high school, such as Grundkurs Mathematics, wiskunde A, Math 4 hours or less, or IB Math SL.
- Students who took a gap year between high school and university.

If you belong to one of these two groups we highly recommend following the online preparatory math course.

Read more about the [online preparatory math course](#)

Required documents for the application procedure

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**
- **A certified copy of your diploma (if already obtained)**
- **A copy of your grades transcripts of the last two years of secondary school**
- **International Classroom Essay**
The International Classroom Essay is an admission requirement to see whether you have an internationally orientated profile. Your motivation, plans for the future and way of looking at the world around you are also important in the assessment.
This International Classroom Essay is a webform which will be made available in the MyApplication portal after you have met the admission requirements. There are

five questions you need to answer. The suggested answer length per question is 200 words, with a maximum of 250 words per essay question.

You are exempted from the International Classroom-requirement if you are taking part/took part in the Foundation Programme.

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

- **Proof of mathematics proficiency**

If you do not meet the [required mathematics level](#), you have to clear your mathematics deficiency by taking part in the online preparatory math course and passing the online exam.

- **Proof of language proficiency in English**

You only have to provide proof if you cannot show the required language proficiency without this proof. Answer the questions concerning language requirements under '[Language requirements](#)' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation.

Questions

If you have questions regarding the International Classroom requirement, please contact:

SBE Admissions Office

ebeadmissions-sbe@maastrichtuniversity.nl

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

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.

If you submit the International Classroom essay and if you meet the other admission criteria (diploma requirement and mathematics requirement), your application will be assessed by the International Classroom committee. If the outcome of your essay is sufficient, you will be admitted to the programme. If the outcome of your essay is not sufficient to meet the International Classroom-criteria, we will reject your application. This means that you will not be able to start the bachelor's programme in Economics and Business Economics. This decision will also be valid for the bachelor's programme in International Business, since the International Classroom-requirement is the same for both programmes.

Matching survey

If you want to, you can take part in a so-called matching survey. The aim of this survey is to assess whether you and your chosen programme are a good match. The matching survey is **optional**; you are **not required** to complete the survey in order to be admitted. You will receive the matching survey once the university has checked your application.

Possibility of enrolment in the second year and exemptions for the entire first year

If you have successfully completed courses equivalent to the first year of a School of Business and Economics (SBE) study programme (at the same university level), you may qualify for exemptions. Students, who do not switch between SBE study programmes, but switch from another university to SBE, cannot be exempted from parts of the first-year programme (so for separate, individual courses of the first-year of the bachelor study programme concerned), but only from the entire first-year of the bachelor's study programme. To use this possibility, you must submit a request for exemptions to the Board of Examiners. If your request has been approved, you can enrol in the second year.

Please note that the deadline is **1 July 2023**: if we have not received correct and completely filled out forms before this date, your request will not be taken into account.

More information regarding [exemptions and how to apply for them](#).

Handling fee

Prospective students applying for this study programme who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country will have to pay a handling fee.

More information about the (payment for the) [handling fee](#).