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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 European Law School for the *academic year 2023-2024*.

## Important deadlines for this study programme

*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.

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Date	What you need to know about this date
<b>1 October 2022</b>	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024 Deadline for completing the entire application process for <b>non-EU/EEA</b> applicants (these applicants require a <a href="#">visa or residence permit</a> ).
<b>Up to and including 1 April 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	<i>Non-EU/EEA applicants who need a visa and/or residence permit also must upload the required documents (copy passport and list of grades/diploma) in the MyApplication portal before the deadline. If your file is not completed before the deadline your application will not be considered.</i>
<b>Up to and including 1 May 2023, 23:59 CET</b>	Deadline for completing the entire application process for <b>EU/EEA</b> applicants

## General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2023/24 for the bachelor's programme in European Law School depend on your previous education. All applicants should meet the general requirements. Please check below whether additional requirements apply to you.

## Applicants with a Dutch diploma

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

- Dutch VWO diploma
- HBO or OU propaedeutic diploma
- HBO diploma

## Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma

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

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

If your diploma is not included in this list, it must be evaluated by UM first.

## Applicants who do not meet the requirements

### Entrance exam, Colloquium Doctum

If you do not have the required diploma, or do not meet the additional requirements, you can still qualify by passing an entrance exam (the so-called Colloquium Doctum).

If you pass the Colloquium Doctum and submit the requested proof of language proficiency, you will qualify for admission to the bachelor's programme.

[Read more about the Colloquium Doctum](#)

## Foundation Programme

### International applicants who do not meet the admission requirements: Foundation Programme

If you are an international prospective student 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 qualify 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](#)

## 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 applying 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](#).

## 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 portrait picture

*This 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 and a certified copy of your diploma** if you have obtained it

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

- **Result of your language test, with a satisfactory result** (if applicable)
- **Proof of additional courses or tests in the required subjects** (if applicable)
- **A request for exemption** (if applicable)  
*Applicants who are of the opinion that they have already obtained comparable subjects earlier can request exemptions. The subjects must be equivalent in terms of content, study hours and level. A request for exemptions has to be submitted to the examinations committee of this programme by you. Your request will only be considered if you have already registered. For further information about exemptions you can contact the faculty's examination committee by email: [examslaw@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:examslaw@maastrichtuniversity.nl).*

#### Please note:

Only **complete** registrations will be taken into consideration.  
All documents must be in **Dutch, English or German**.

## How do we assess your application?

### Matching Procedure

Maastricht University finds it important that you choose a study programme and learning environment which 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 admitted.

The aim of Matching is to assess whether you and your chosen programme are a good match. It can help you to find out if the study programme suits you.

You will receive a personal link to an online intake questionnaire on the email address you specified in Studielink.

Please complete this as quickly as possible but no later than the 1 July 2023. Bear in mind that it can take around one hour to do. Give an open and honest answer to the questions so that the

feedback and advice are genuinely about you. Before you start read the descriptions of the subjects and the course outline of the programme.

The selection committee will evaluate your completed questionnaire. You will subsequently receive feedback and a study advice within six weeks.

### **Privacy statement Matching Procedure**

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

### **Questions about the Matching Procedure?**

Contact the Faculty of Law

[ba-admission-law@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:ba-admission-law@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

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## **Binding Study Advice**

This programme has a Binding Study Advice. This means that in your first year of the programme, you must obtain a minimum of 40 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.