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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 Public Health 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
1 October 2022	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2023-2024
Up to and including 1 April 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 May 2023, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA and Switzerland

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for the academic year 2023/24 for the bachelor's programme European Public Health 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:

- Dutch VWO diploma, new style, all profiles
- Dutch VWO diploma, old style, preferably with mathematics
- HBO propedeuse, or bachelor's degree, preferably with mathematics
- OU propedeuse, preferably with mathematics

Applicants with a non-Dutch diploma

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

International prospective students who do not meet the admission requirements: Foundation Programme

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

Applicants who do not meet the admission requirements

If you do not meet the requirements, you can still qualify by passing the entrance exam (Colloquium Doctum exam). You should at least be 21.

To qualify for the entrance exam (Colloquium Doctum exam) you have to proof your command of the English language and mathematics at vwo level by means of certificates in these two subjects. You have to arrange obtaining the certificates yourself.

- If you only need to take the preliminary mathematics exam, we refer to: [CCVX](#) (Dutch)
- You can take mathematics courses at: [Boswell-Beta](#) (Dutch)
- For English language courses we refer to: [Babel](#) (Dutch) or the [UM Language Centre](#)

As soon as you have passed the exams, you have to upload the certificates in the MyApplication portal.

Inform the Student Services Centre (SSC) by email study@maastrichtuniversity.nl, attn. UM Admissions, that you have added the certificates in the MyApplication portal.

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 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](#).

Exemptions

Students 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 exemption can only be considered if you have already registered.

For more information about exemptions, you can send a message to the Board of Examiners of FHML via [askFHML](#).

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 copy of your diploma *if you have obtained it*

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

A copy of your English language test, with sufficient results

Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language bachelor's programmes' on this webpage to find out if you do or don't meet the language requirements. And - in case you don't meet the language requirements - what diploma/certificate you need to obtain and hand in to prove your proficiency.

A Colloquium Doctum certificate English

For those applicants who want to qualify for a Colloquium Doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of the English language on Dutch VWO level.

A Colloquium Doctum certificate mathematics

For those applicants who want to qualify for a Colloquium Doctum statement and do not meet the requirement of command of mathematics on Dutch VWO level

A questionnaire Matching Procedure European Public Health

For those applicants who chose themselves to take part in the Matching Procedure. You are not required to complete the Matching procedure to qualify for admission.

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.

Maastricht University (UM) will assess whether your previous education makes that you qualify for admission. Additional documents may be required to assess your previous education. If so, you will receive a request by email, so please keep an eye on your inbox. You will receive a message once UM has made the decision.

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. You are not required to complete the Matching Procedure to qualify for admission.**

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 an online intake questionnaire at the email address you specified in Studielink. We ask you to answer the questions in an open and honest manner.

You will receive feedback via email within two weeks. There are two kinds of feedback:

You receive a positive advice. You are done with the Matching Procedure.

You do not get an advice yet: you will be invited for a (voluntary) interview with a study advisor. Based on this interview (which can take place via telephone or in person), the study advisor will provide you with an advice.

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

Privacy statement Matching Procedure

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

Study advice at the end of bachelor year 1

At the end of year 1 of the study programme, every student receives advice on whether or not to continue his/her study. This advice is not binding. However, students must obtain a predetermined number of study credits to be admitted to the second year of the programme. The number of credits that must be earned, is documented in the [Education and Examination Regulations \(EER\)](#) of each study programme.