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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 Health Food Innovation Management for *academic year 2022-2023*.

Important deadlines for this study programme

Applicable when starting on 1 September 2022

When you want to apply or are applying to 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 2021	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2022-2023
Up to and including 1 May 2022, 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 June 2022, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants

Please note:

In Studielink you need to choose the starting moment. Please make sure to select **September 2022** in the pulldown-menu, so that you will apply for the start of the next academic year.

Deadlines for scholarships are often earlier than the dates mentioned above. Find out if you can apply for a [scholarship](#) or [financial aid](#).

General requirements: prior qualifications

For the master's programme Health Food Innovation Management admission takes place on the basis of your previous education and suitability. For this, your motivation and your prior qualifications are important. Please check below which requirements apply to you for academic year 2022/2023.

Graduates from a relevant university bachelor's programme

You are admissible with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch university
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA university
- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA university

- a relevant university master's degree

Direct admission

Students with a Maastricht University's bachelor degree in Health Sciences (track Biology and Health), or in Biomedical Sciences, as well as students with a bachelor degree in Nutrition and Health from Wageningen University are directly admissible. You do not need to write a letter of motivation.

Please note: you have to pass your bachelor's exam before 1 September 2022

Relevant university domains are:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Health Sciences (track Biology and Health)
- Human Nutrition
- Medicine
- Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- Molecular Life Sciences (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- University College (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)
- Related BSc (at least 50% human health/physiology related courses)

Graduates from a University of Applied Sciences (HBO, Hochschule)

You are admissible with:

- a relevant bachelor's degree from a Dutch University of Applied Sciences
- a relevant bachelor's degree from an EEA University of Applied Sciences
- a relevant bachelor's degree from a non-EEA University of Applied Sciences

In addition to these requirements, you are only admissible if:

- you have completed a thesis and have obtained at least 15 ECTS in the context of a minor in the field of science, and successfully completed a relevant course on statistics* *or*
- you have completed a thesis and have obtained at least 15 ECTS in academic writing and successfully completed a relevant course on statistics*

** If you do not meet any of the criteria mentioned here, you can prove that you have sufficient statistical and/or other skills. The Board of Admissions may impose additional requirements to show that you have sufficient academic skills.*

Relevant university of applied sciences domains are:

- Dietetics
- Nutrition

Additional requirements

Statistics

Some candidates need to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute.

More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.

Please note: if statistics was not part of your bachelor degree programme, you will have to upload your statistics certificate before 15 July 2022 in the MyUM portal. Also send it by email to hfim-admissions@maastrichtuniversity.nl

Language requirements for English-language master 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 bachelor's or master's degree in which English was the sole language of instruction?

YesNoUndo

Prospective students who received their prior education in a non-EU/EEA country (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 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 most recent certified grades transcript/diploma**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's programme.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **A letter of motivation**
Please provide good arguments about why you want to do this master's programme at Maastricht University and why you believe that you can successfully complete the programme.

**As a UM student it is not necessary to upload these documents in the MyUM portal. Unless your passport is not valid on 1 September 2022; in that case you do have to upload a copy of your passport.*

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

- **English language proficiency**

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 concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out if you need to provide additional documentation. The outcome of your answers will indicate what documents you can use to prove your proficiency.

- **Statistics (if applicable)**

If statistics was not part of your bachelor degree programme, you will have to complete a statistics course. The statistics course should focus on statistics for life sciences and at least include knowledge on statistical comparison tests and use of statistical analysis software, such as SPSS. You can complete a statistics course at Maastricht University or at another institute. More information on the required contents of the course on statistics will be discussed during the admissions interview.

- **Master Preference Form (if applicable)**

[Master Preference Form](#) (only applicable if you are applying for more than one master's programme). Upload this form in the MyUM portal under 'other'.

Please note:

Only **complete** applications will be reviewed.

All documents should be in **English or Dutch**.

How do we assess your application?

When you want to apply or are applying for this study programme, it is useful to know how we assess your application. You can find more information about this here.

For the master's programme in Health Food Innovation Management, admission takes place on the basis of your previous education and suitability. For this, your motivation and your prior qualifications are important.

Students who have completed certain bachelor's programmes at Maastricht University are directly admissible. Students who graduated within another relevant university domain, provide a complete file which will be assessed by the Board of Admissions. An entrance interview is (in most cases) also part of the admissions procedure. Detailed information on relevant university domains, the to be submitted documents and the entrance interview can be found on this web page.

Assessment of your file happens on a rolling basis. This means that, once you submit a complete file, 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 two to four weeks after completion of your file.

Note: only **complete** applications will be assessed. We therefore recommend that you adhere to the deadlines provided in the table under 'Important deadlines for application to this study programme' on this page.

Enrolment before completing prior education (zachte knip regulation)

To help students who have experienced delays in their studies due to COVID-19, we have put the 'zachte knip' regulation in place. This regulation means that you can enrol in your next education programme before you have completed your prior education.

Were you, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, unable to earn enough credits in the academic year 2021-22 to complete your prior education on time? In that case, you will be given the opportunity to conditionally start your next education programme at UM under certain terms in academic year 2022-23 (study start in September or February).

When are you eligible for the ‘zachte knip’?

Would you like to go from:

- a bachelor's programme to a UM pre-master's or master's programme,
- a pre-master's or 'schakel' programme to a UM master's programme, or
- an HBO propedeuse (first-year diploma at a university of applied sciences) to a UM bachelor's programme?

Read [here](#) about the conditions for qualifying for the ‘zachte knip’.

Exceptions to the rule

As an exception to the standard, some programmes of the Faculty of Health, Medicine and Life Sciences apply an adjusted standard to admit students on the basis of the ‘zachte knip’:

- B.Sc. Biomedical Sciences
- B.Sc. European Public Health
- B.Sc. Medicine

Students of these study programs receive more detailed information via the StudentPortal.

How do you file an application for the ‘zachte knip’?

Beginning of July, we will let you know [here](#) how and when to apply for the ‘zachte knip’ regulation.