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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 European Public Affairs for *academic year 2023-2024*.

For the master's programme in European Public Affairs selection takes place on the basis of your quality and suitability. For this your motivation, previous education and your (professional) experience are important.

Important deadlines for application 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 May 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 June 2023, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for EU/EEA applicants

Please note:

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

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

General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2023/24 for the master's programme in European Public Affairs depend on your previous education. Please check below which requirements apply to you.

Graduates from a relevant bachelor's programme

You qualify for admission if you have a bachelor's degree from a relevant prior course, for example, philosophy or sociology. You obtained good marks in your prior qualifications, and have relevant work experience.

Additional requirements

Language requirements for English-language master's 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

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](#).

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 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'. Your passport must be valid on 1 September 2023.
- **A copy of your most recent certified grades transcript and a copy of your certified bachelor's or master's diploma if you have obtained it**
If you have not graduated yet, you can upload your official grades transcript from your bachelor's or master's programme.
- **Your Curriculum Vitae**
Please list your education, relevant extracurricular activities and internship/professional experience.
- **A motivation letter**
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. The motivation letter should be between 800 – 1,200 words.
- **A writing sample**
All candidates should provide proof of sufficient academic writing/research skills. The

Admission Board asks the candidate to submit an independently-written research paper of at least 2,000 words (excluding the footnotes and reference list) preferably (but not mandatorily) on a relevant topic. As an academic sample of writing, the paper should contain in-text references and a reference list/bibliography at the end, to demonstrate your ability to write papers according to academic standards. You can use a paper from earlier studies or another occasion. The submitted work should be written in English.

**As a UM student it is not necessary to upload the above mentioned documents in the MyApplication portal. However, if your passport will not be valid on 1 September 2023, then you still have to upload a copy of your passport.*

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

- **Proof of English language proficiency**

Answer the questions concerning language requirements under 'Language requirements for English-language master programmes' on this webpage to find out what are the requirements. The outcome of your answers will indicate which documents you should send to prove your proficiency.

How do we assess your application?

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

All complete application files (including English Language test) will be assessed by the Board of Admissions. They will try to respond within four weeks.

Message about admission

Based on the documents you have submitted and the admission procedure for your chosen programme, the UM decides on whether to admit you. Once UM has made a decision on your admissibility, you will be informed about this by email.