

## 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 2024-2025*.

*Are you thinking of applying for the bachelor European Law School for academic year 2025-2026 (starting in September 2025)?*

Then please note that this study programme has been changed to a numerus fixus programme. The programme has a fixed number of 550 spots for students, a limit that has been set to guarantee the quality of education. The fixus operates based on an unweighted lottery system.

Because the programme has transitioned to a fixus programme, the deadlines have been updated. Please refer to the table below under 'Important deadlines' (for a start in September 2025).

## Important deadlines for this study programme

*The bachelor's programme in European Law School starts in September.  
The deadlines below are applicable for applying for a start in September 2024.*

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 landscape mode.

### Deadlines for a start in September 2025

Date	What you need to know about this date
1 October 2024	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025
15 January 2025, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for all applicants (both <b>EU/EEA</b> and <b>non-EU/EEA</b> applicants)
15 April 2025	Ranking numbers will be announced and Studielink will begin to issue proofs of placements

### Deadlines for a start in September 2024

Date	What you need to know about this date
<b>1 October 2023</b>	Studielink is open for applications for the academic year 2024-2025
<b>Up to and including 1 April 2024, 23:59 CET</b>	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> ).

Date	What you need to know about this date
Up to and including 1 May 2024, 23:59 CET	Deadline for completing the entire application process for applicants from the EU/EEA or Switzerland

## General requirements: previous education

The admission requirements for academic year 2024-2025 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 2024-2025](#)

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](#)

## 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

- **Document(s) that demonstrate your proficiency 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 which documents you can use to prove your proficiency.
- **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 subjects comparable to first year subjects of this bachelor programme earlier on can file a request for (an) exemption(s) with the Board of Examiners. 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 enrolled. For further information about exemptions you can contact the faculty's examination committee by email: [examslaw@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:examslaw@maastrichtuniversity.nl).  
Note: It is not possible to enrol for anything other than the first year of this study programme (in other words: higher year enrolment' is not possible).*

**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.

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 invitation to an online intake questionnaire on the email address you specified in Studielink.

Please complete this as quickly as possible but no later than 1 June 2024. 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

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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.