



## Go the extra mile!

### About us

Maastricht University (UM) is a young and dynamic academic community, focussing on innovation and impact. Founded in 1976, we're a fully bilingual (Dutch and English) university consisting of six faculties. We offer over 20 bachelor's and more than 80 master's programmes, as well as professional and PhD degrees. The majority of our programmes are taught entirely in English.

With over 20,000 students and 4,000 staff, UM stands out for its:

- strong international orientation, coupled with a firm rooting in the EU region
- innovative learning model: Problem-Based Learning (PBL)
- integrated, multi- and interdisciplinary approach to education and research

UM is a European university with an international outlook. We're located in the south of the Netherlands and in the heart of Europe. Our small-scale 'international classroom' brings together people from all over the world who have different backgrounds and perspectives.

And it's these very differences that make the UM learning experience unique.

### Rankings and accreditations

UM consistently ranks in top positions in various national and international lists. Therefore we quickly garnered a reputation as one of the best young universities in the world:

- The Times Higher Education Ranking (THE) ranks UM the world's 6th best young university, 127th overall and 36th in the rankings for best universities in Europe
- In its subject rankings, THE places UM 62nd in Business & Economics, 73rd in Clinical, Pre-Clinical and Health, and 126-150th in Social Sciences
- In the QS 'Top 50 under 50', UM ranks as 19th best young university in the world
- UM has been granted the 'Institutional Quality Assurance Assessment' and the 'Distinctive Quality Feature for Internationalisation' by the Accreditation Organisation of the Netherlands and Flanders (NVAO)
- The UM School of Business and Economics (SBE) hold the prestigious Triple Crown accreditation – one of the few business schools worldwide to achieve this





## Problem-Based Learning

PBL offers you a different way of learning from traditional [university education](#). You work in small tutorial groups, engage in hands-on training and attend (far) fewer lectures. Under the supervision of a tutor, you team up with ten to fifteen students to tackle real-life challenges. Your instructor facilitates, but you take the lead. This makes you the type of independent problem-solver that employers are looking for.

### Advantages of PBL

One of the big advantages of PBL is that you learn to solve complex problems. This, according to the World Economic Forum, is one of the most important skills for your future. Research shows that PBL teaches you to:

- really understand the subject matter, rather than just learning by heart
- collaborate with partners and small teams
- think critically with a view to solving problems
- study and work independently
- feel comfortable with public speaking

### An introduction to PBL

For most first-year bachelor's and master's students, studying at UM means the beginning of a new life with a different way of studying, in a city most of them don't know. To make the transition to your new academic and social environment as smooth as possible, UM organises introduction days at the beginning of every academic year: the INKOM general introduction week and the faculty introduction days.

During those first days at the faculty, you'll be introduced to PBL and you'll learn more about the faculty, your programme, your teachers and fellow students.

## Exchange and internships

UM students, graduates and PhD students may choose to go abroad for some time: to study, for an internship or for a research position. For some programmes, time abroad is a mandatory part of the degree. Check out the opportunities and possibilities within your programme on [our website](#).

## Career prospects

UM prepares students for a successful career in the global job market. A good future begins with good education, but the university also provides excellent career guidance. [UM Career Services](#) helps you explore your options and gives you the tools to get the job you want by providing:

- personal guidance from trained career counsellors
- application and career management training and workshops
- information on labour markets, vacancies, internships and traineeships
- access to UM's worldwide alumni network

## Highly skilled migrant visa

Foreign students from outside the EU/EEA who have successfully completed a degree at a Dutch university have the opportunity to remain in the Netherlands for a year to look for a permanent position as a highly-skilled migrant. Graduates who find permanent employment within a year will be eligible for a residence permit. You can read the details on the website of the [Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service \(IND\)](#).

## Admission requirements

### Foundation Programme (pre-bachelor's)

For many international students direct entry into a bachelor's may not be possible. For this reason there is the [Foundation programme \(FP\)](#), a one-year programme for motivated international students. It 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).

### Bachelor's programmes

For detailed information about applications and admission procedures, check your [bachelor's programme's](#) webpage or download a [brochure](#) via our website.

If you have completed your studies at a non-Dutch institution, our Student Services Centre (SSC) can help you with credit and diploma transfer, and diploma recognition. Get in touch with the SSC via phone: +31 (0) 43 388 5388 or email: [study@maastrichtuniversity.nl](mailto:study@maastrichtuniversity.nl)

A quick overview of [diploma equivalencies and subject requirements](#) is available on our website as well.

### Master's programmes

The admission requirements and deadlines vary for each master's programme. If your bachelor's study is insufficient for admission to your chosen master's programme, you can also consider doing a [pre-master's](#).

Depending on your programme, a master's can take 1 or 2 years and be done fulltime or parttime. Check out your [master's programme](#) on our website or download a [brochure](#).

## Tuition fees 2021 - 2022

Non-EU/EEA nationals are required to pay the institutional tuition fee. The fees are split into a high and low tier depending on the programme:

- Foundation Programme: €14,000
- high tier bachelor: €10,800
- low tier bachelor: €8,000
- high tier master: €16,800
- low tier master: €13,800

This is not a complete overview, so check our [tuition fees guide](#) to find out which tier applies to your programme.

## Financial support

Scholarships are limited but we have some schemes available for prospective students. An [overview of scholarships](#) offered at UM and by Nuffic can be found on our website.

## Visa

Students from non-EU/EEA countries wishing to reside in the Netherlands for more than three months are required to obtain a residence permit. To enter the Netherlands, most non-EU/EEA students will also need an entrance visa. Once you are admitted to a programme, our [UM Visa Office](#) will contact you and assist with visa and permit procedures.



## Living expenses

Student life in Maastricht doesn't have to cost you a fortune. We listed a breakdown of basic living expenses to give you an idea how much you will need to budget monthly for your studies:

- rent: €350-550
- groceries and food: €161
- books and study materials: €57
- leisure, going out, sports: €144
- clothing and personal care: €47
- health insurance: €97 (subsidy possible for all students)
- telephone: €26

Maastricht is relatively compact, so most students walk or cycle and spend little money on transportation. Many students also choose to buy second-hand learning materials or use books from the University Library.



## Getting to Maastricht

By plane: you can fly to Amsterdam (Schiphol), Brussels, Düsseldorf or Cologne and take a train to Maastricht.

By train: you can take a train from the [Dutch Railways](#), the [Belgian Railways](#), or the [German Railways](#).

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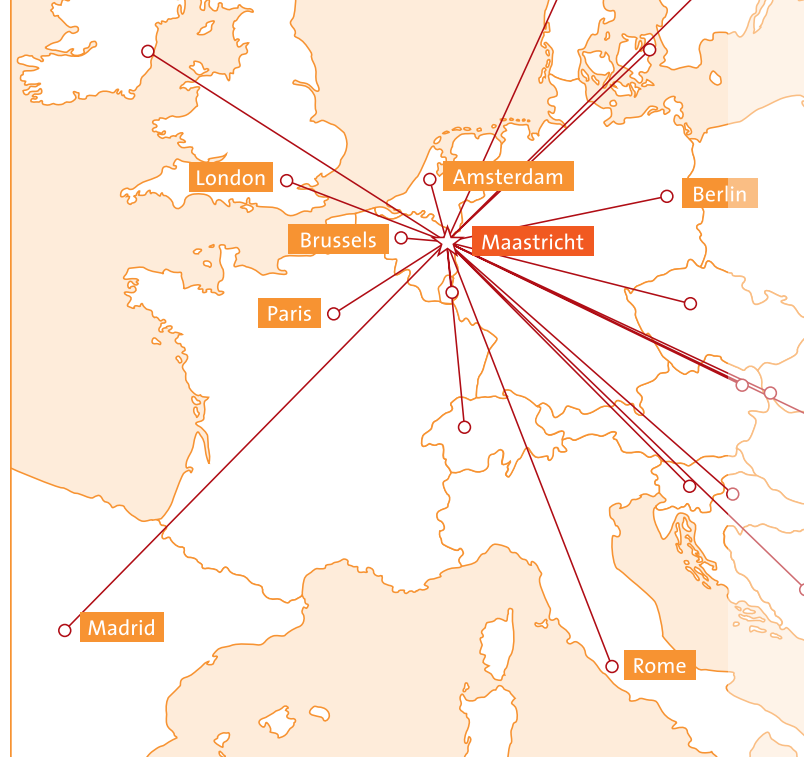
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## Housing

Maastricht is a student city, and generally there's plenty of housing options. But keep in mind: the month prior to the start of term is always the busiest period for finding a room.

To find housing, you can either search through the official [UM housing website](#) or contact local agencies on the private market via housing groups on Facebook. Keep in mind that if you go through a real estate agency, extra fees may apply.

Email for students from the greater China region:  
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