Admission requirements

Hotel Management School Maastricht

Below are the main requirements that apply to all candidates, whether you come from The Netherlands or abroad.

Requirement 1 – Secondary education diploma

To join our programme, you must have a diploma that grants access to Higher Education in your own country.

This includes Dutch diplomas (HAVO*, VWO, MBO-4, Middelbare Hotelschool HOM) or international equivalents. For international applicants, please check the list of recognised diplomas.

*If you have a **HAVO profile CM (Cultuur en Maatschappij)** diploma: it is mandatory to have (business) economics, M&O (Management & Organisation) or PgP-M in your profile.

What if you did not study (business) economics or M&O (Management & Organisation) or PgP-M? You must provide a **certificate** for an approved preparation course in Bookkeeping. We recommend the following provider: www.boekhoudcollege.nl, other providers may be accepted.

Certificates must be:

- Issued by a recognised and accredited institution;
- No older than 2 years at the time of your application;
- Sent to us at least 2 months before the start of your studies.

Requirement 2 – Language requirements (Modern Foreign Languages)

Our curriculum includes a second modern foreign language (French, German, or Spanish*) in addition to English. You must either:

- Have taken the chosen language in your final years of secondary school and obtained the final exam at level A2 or above, according to the Common European Framework (CEFR),

Or

- Provide an official language certificate with a passing grade at A2 level or higher from one of the recognised institutions below:

Language	**Accepted Certificates**
German	Goethe-Institut A2 or above
French	DELF/DALF A2 or above
Spanish	DELE or SIELE (Instituto Cervantes) A2 or above

Certificates must be:

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- No older than 2 years at the time of your application;
- Sent to us at least 2 months before the start of your studies.

If you do not yet have the certificate at this moment, you must provide proof of registration for the relevant exam at the start of the selection procedure (phase 1, portfolio phase)

*International students can also choose Dutch at beginner level.

Requirement 3 – Dutch language for the Dutch-taught programme

If you wish to follow the Dutch-taught programme, and you do not hold a Dutch diploma, you must:

- Provide proof of Dutch proficiency at B2 level or higher (Common European Framework)
- Accepted certificate: Staatsexamen NT2 (Programma II) or equivalent

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Requirement 4 – English language for the English-taught programme

To join our English-taught programme, please provide proof of your English proficiency.

Test	**Minimum Score**
TOEFL iBT (at a test centre)	Minimum score 4.5. For tests taken before January 21, 2026, a minimum score of 80 on the previous scoring scale applies.
IELTS Academic (at a test centre)	Minimum overall band score 6.0
Pearson PTE Academic (at a test centre)	Minimum score 61
LanguageCert Academic (at a test centre)	Minimum score 65
TOEIC Listening & Reading + Speaking & Writing	Minimum score 335
Linguaskill and Linguaskill Business	Minimum score 169
Cambridge English B2 First, C1 Advanced, C2 Proficiency	Minimum score 169

Certificates are valid for 2 years. The test must have been taken less than 2 years before the start date of the programme. Cambridge certificates have unlimited validity.

Exemptions

You don't need to submit proof if you have:

- a diploma from the EU/EEA with English as an exam subject
- a diploma from the UK, US, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia
- an accredited international American high school diploma or British international (I)GCSE/ A-levels
- an International Baccalaureate (IB) diploma

Important

Native speakers of French, German, or Spanish cannot choose their own native language for the second language requirement.

For questions, contact us at: selectionhmsm@zuyd.nl