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<td>@Valerie, no unfortunately there is not. But there is some guidelines regarding the motivation letter. You have to speak about your personal motivation, your CV, your previous experience with intercultural communication. You can find the form for the motivation letter om the website</td>
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<td>Maria</td>
<td><strong>Good evening! I am a student on the Department of Foreign Languages, Translation and Interpreting in Greece. My studies are mostly centered on translation of English and German, as well as the culture of these countries in general. I recently did an Erasmus program where I attended courses of Intercultural Communication. So, I would like to ask if a degree in translation is adequate for applying to this MA program? Thank you in advance</strong></td>
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<td>@Maria, thank you for your question, good to know you’re interested, we have a few other students from Greece in our programme now</td>
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<td>@Maria Your question is a bit difficult to answer directly, you should have a look at this document to see if you can meet the requirements of certain courses/EC with your translation degree <a href="https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/file/10891">https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/file/10891</a></td>
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<td>Karin, Utrecht University</td>
<td>@Shen Yi, we don’t know of any students that received the Holland Scholarship. For information about scholarships, please check <a href="https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/intercultural-communication/tuition-fees-and-financial-support">https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/intercultural-communication/tuition-fees-and-financial-support</a>!</td>
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Hi, I currently do a Bachelor in International Relations and INternational Organisation, I plan to work for an NGO in the future. Is this study programme suitable for this? I think there is no focus on politics and economics, so this studies may not be appropriate for my field of interest. I just thought this may give me some good soft skills for my future work field.

@Sandra: thank you for your interest in the programme! At first, the main focus of the programme is on language and culture. However, there is a political component to the programme. This depends on the choices you make for the specific courses. You can choose courses that fit your interests.

Thank you, Karin! I also had another question regarding the Bachelor’s degree. I read on the website that you recommend having a Bachelor degree of a University (not University of Applied Sciences). Does this apply to German Universities of Applied Sciences, too? I have a Bsc in International Business from a German University of Applied Sciences and I’m wondering if that might be an inconvenience.

Hi Hanneke, I have a question in regards to the admission requirements. With a HBO degree in International Business and Management, and 30 credits in a pre-master in Human Resource Studies, would the application need to be for the pre-master or for the master admission?

@Valeria and @Carla: Unfortunately that could be a problem. We offer a pre-master's programme to Dutch students from Universities of Applied Sciences only. You could still apply, but your chances are small.

@Valerie, that does not make a difference unfortunately. If it's Applied Sciences, even if it is a Bachelor of Science degree?

Yes, my degree is from a Dutch HBO. and the pre-master courses are from a Dutch WO university (Tilburg).

@Carla in that case you can apply for sure. It depends on the courses you have taken in your HBO degree (and motivation/grades etc) if you will be accepted for the premastersprogramme.

@Carla is your degree Dutch?

@Carla, the courses you already took in your premastersprogramme might not be the same as our premastersprogramme, so there is a (great) chance you will have to finish 45EC in your premastersprogramme before enrolling in the masters programme.
Emily

Hi, I studied Economics, Management for my Bachelors, and am currently doing a Master's in International Administration. I am interested in applying to the Fullbright and would like to do a Master's in Intercultural Communication. I saw that the program requirements for previous coursework are quite strict, and wanted to ask how I could find out if I meet the requirements to participate in the program?

Karin, Utrecht University

@Emily, your previous education is quite far from regular applicants, but if you can try to apply for sure. If you have a good motivation and specify what experience you have (work / study / languages) the admissions office will consider your application. Good luck! Check https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/file/10891.

Hannah

Great! And where can I find more information about the contents of the premaster?

@Hannah: the premaster is an individual programme, it depends on your previous education. It can consist of a maximum of 60 EC, which contains 2 courses per block. However, it could also be less.

Valerie

Oh, okay. Thank you for your answer! And what would be the alternative?

@Valerie, the alternative is to enrol in one of our BA’s.

Wanda

This question was partially addressed in the previous webinar but I am not quite clear. English is my first language and I am not fluent in second language (particularly to write in a second language). Is it still okay to apply? I have been working in international education.

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Wanda, you do not need to be fluent, however, we do expect you to speak another language to a certain extent. You can have a level on B2/C1 level. Speaking multiple languages is a requirement for the programme, since intercultural communication is a core

Emily

Thank you. As the Fullbright application must be turned quite early, I am wondering how early applications can be considered. I am interested in attending in Fall 2020.

Karin, Utrecht University

@Emily, you can get an answer to your application the earliest in

Karin, Utrecht University

@Emily you have to apply before 1 February, then you will get a decision within 4 weeks

Josephine

Hi Hanneke, I am currently finishing my Bachelors degree in English Language and Culture. Unfortunately I did not follow a course in administration, management and organization (7.5 EC). Does this automatically mean that I would have to do a premasters first or do you evaluate every students application individually? If my motivation and letters of recommendation, etc. is correct do I still stand a chance to be accepted despite the fact that I did not follow the course? (sorry for any typos I did not receive the correct email link)
Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Josephine, it is not an absolute requirement, but it will definitely not help your application, but possibly you can show this experience in your work?

Nikki

Hello Marloes: "Speaking multiple languages is a requirement for the programme, since intercultural communication is a core component." But it's also possible to do only the Dutch track, right?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Nikki: yes, however, you need to have a proficiency in English. As a Dutch student you do not need to take exams in English. The lectures will be in English.

Liza

Hi! Is the pre-master for this programme a year?

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Liza, the premasterprogrammes is tailored to your situation, but in most cases 45 EC so 3/4th of a year

Carla

I have one more question in regards to the application deadlines. If applying in the upcoming month, with a Dutch education, when would be the earliest and the latest reply on the application?

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Carla the deadline for applying is April 1st. You will receive a decision in 6 weeks from then.

Hannah

if I choose the Dutch track and I can prove that my English is C1 level, does my motivation statement need to be in Dutch only, or also in English?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Hannah: your motivation letter needs to be bilingual, in English and Dutch, 50/50

Giulia

Can I also take a part of my courses abroad? And where?

Karin, Utrecht University

@Giulia, yes you can. The master programme is a part of Eurocampus with 7 other universities. Next year there is a programme you can follow in Bayreuth. The second possibility is that we are developing a stock model that you can enroll in a 2 year program.

Antoine

In the Overview of Relevant Courses document for the application, the default setting is only four gray boxes for four courses, I assume. Should we strictly mention four relevant courses or can we add to this?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Antoine: yes, that's correct. You can fill in the four courses which are in your perspective the most relevant to your application. Lots of luck!

Jakub

Hi :) I am currently studying philosophical counseling and coaching at the University of Silesia in Katowice. I wonder if the direction of my current BA studies allows me to study in Utrecht.

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Jakub, as far as I can judge from the title of your BA that sounds not very close to our programme. You could have a look at this file to see if you match the entry requirements/EC work within this BA. https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/file/10891 We encourage
Shen Yi

thank you Karin for the answer! Another question- as I saw it on the website, last year there was 56 students enrolled in thie ICC program. But there was 60 places right? So does that mean the selection is very much focused on quality rather than quantity. And there will not be a waiting list for backup?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Shen Yi: over 100 students applied last year. There will be a waiting list. However, last year there were a few last minute 'drop outs'. That's the reason that not all places were filled.

Queralt

Hi, I have just arrived in the chat... maybe you have commented it before but I have one question... in the application form even I would like to course the Multilingual track I have to select two language in my case English and Spanish... isn't it?

Karin, Utrecht University

@Queralt, yes, that is fine :)

Liza

Is there a website or an overview of the specific jobs that the alumni of this master programme have? (other than "career prospects" on the website)

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Liza: there is no other overview than career prospects on the website. Students can enter a vary broad field. However it is good to know that over 60 percent of our alumni has a job in the corporate field,

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Liza: I hope this answers your question partially!

Hannah

And is it possible to start the premaster program in February 2020, or does it only start every september?

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Hannah, unfortunately not. You can only start in september

Kim-Jennifer

I thought you expected two different language-versions of the motivation letter. One in English and then a translation. How exactly would you write a 50/50 bilingual application?

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Kim-Jennifer, you can just write the first half of your motivation letter in 1 language and the second half in the other language. It does not apply to your complete application

Josanne

I have a question about the number of students who are admitted to the master each year

Karen, Utrecht University

@Josanne: the programme has a numerus fixus of 60 students. We have 6 llanguage tracks and indeed the application admission strives for an equal distribution of 10 students per language track.

Liza

And if you would like to follow courses in Dutch and Englisch, do you have to choose the multilingual track or the Englisch track?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@liza: you can then chose the multilingual track, but this also depends on your previous education. It is not possible to enter the English track if you do not have a BA in English

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Liza *In English language and culture, that is

Hannah

The 60 students that get accepted to the master program, is that including premaster students?
Karen, Utrecht University: @Hannah: the 60 students accepted for the programme do not include the premaster programme students.

Queralt: I have one question about the preliminary research idea that we have to add in our application format, I understand that its only an idea that will be assessed and change if it is necessary with some professor? or how does it work?

Karin, Utrecht University: @Queralt, yes you have to formulate a research question and with that show how you would do your research. This is meant to show what your methodological background is.

Giulia: Can I ask something about the recommendation letters? For me it's difficult to find someone in the academic field to write it. Can I also ask my employer?

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Giulia, recommendation letters can also be written by an employer. Lots of luck with your application!

Queralt: About Josanne asked... that means that maybe we are not accepted because the track that we have selected is full? Or you select the people and then the distribution?

Karin, Utrecht University: @Queralt the 10 persons per track would be ideal, but if there is more interest in a specific track the tracks will be filled according to the number of applicants.

Liza: so your BA has to be fully in English to be admissionable for the English track? (I have a bachelor degree in Commerciële Economie at HBO)

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Liza: the bachelor program needs to be 'English language and culture'. So this is not particularly about the language but really about the program. If you have a Dutch hbo certificate, you can apply for a premaster programme.

Nhi: Hi! I want to ask about application for Holland scholarships, i read that the deadline to be considered for this scholarship is 1 Feb. After submitting my application then how long will I receive the results? Thank you so much

Hanneke, Utrecht University: @Nhi Nguyen, After submitting your application it will take maximum 4 weeks for your decision to arrive. Please note that you should submit the application for the scholarship AND the master's programme before February 1st.

Nicole: Hi, I was wondering if my previous Bachelor (on a Dutch Hogeschool) in European Studies would allow me to apply for the pre-master programme? Thank you in advance!

Karin, Utrecht University: @Nicole, yes, it would be a nice programme to apply for the pre-master. Nonetheless you will have to address the entry requirements, to be found here https://www.uu.nl/masters/en/file/10891.
Liza

In the previous webinar I saw that they sent a link where you could read all the thesis reports that have been written for this master programme. Could you send that link here as well please?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Liza

Nikki

Some practical questions because I’m not sure if the master’s program logistics works out well for me: (1) Do lectures (mainly) take place in the city center (Drift) or on the Uithof? (2) How many contact hours (with a teacher) are on average per week (in the first part of the academic year)? And how many hours do you spend around the university (lectures and tutorials, lab sessions, collaborative assignments, etc.) (3) When will the timetable/schedule and the bibliography 2019-2020 appear online? Thank you

Karin, Utrecht University

@Nikki, to answer your questions: 1) Mainly in the city centre, 2) 12 hours would be the regular contact hours every week, 3) for block 1 and 2 the schedule will be known in the summer, the schedule for block 3 and 4 will be known in February.

Kim-Jennifer

I am sorry, but where does the February 1st Deadline come from? I have probably just missed something (you guys are fast!), but I can only find a deadline for April 1st.

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Kim-Jennifer The feb 1st deadline is only for International students who apply for a scholarship

Hannah

Would a thesis proposal in the field of intercultural marketing be a good idea, or is marketing not a big theme in the master?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Hannah: you can also check out theses that have been written on this topic earlier: http://studenttheses.library.uu.nl/search.php?language=nl.

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Hannah: marketing is generally not a big theme in the master programme, only if there’s a communicative component to the marketing question. So yes, if your main focus is on the intercultural part, it will be a very good idea!

Antoine

I am a bit confused by what consists of "English language and culture". Is it possible to apply if I have a BA in Communication (language of instruction is English) from a Canadian university?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Antoine: You can have a bachelor in English language and culture. This means that your programme has that as title. For instance, you can study history, or English, or French. It doesn't mean that the language of instruction is English.

Josephine

Do you also accept Dutch letters of recommendation or do they have to be in English?

Hanneke, Utrecht University

@Josephine: Yes Dutch is fine

Liza

Is a letter of recommendation compulsory?

Karen, Utrecht University

@Liza: yes, two letters of recommendation are compulsory.

Kim-Jennifer

... but three or four letter would also be okay?

Marloes, Utrecht University

@Kim-Jennifer, the maximum for recommendation letters is two
Nicole: Thank you Karin! Is the internship a fixed component of the programme, or could it also be substituted by for example additional courses?

Karin, Utrecht University: @Nicole, the internship is obligated, but you can do a Master Language course instead of your internship research, which would make your internship 10 or 5 EC (instead of 15 EC), depending on the EC of the Master Language course.

Hannah: Is there a maximum of premaster students that get accepted per year?

Hanneke, Utrecht University: @Hannah There's no maximum, but we apply the requirements strictly. Over the last year’s we've had about 10-12 premaster students.

Josephine: Is one year to complete the programme realistic or do students need longer because of the internship to complete the programme?

Karin, Utrecht University: @Josephine, 80% of students are able to finish the programme in one year.

Liza: so that would mean that you would do an internship, but you would not do any research during your internship period?

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Liza: that's correct!

Antoine: Ok I see but is it possible to apply if I have a BA in Communication? I have checked and I have the right number of EC credits to meet the requirements for the language and communication science courses, culture studies courses, etc.

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Antoine: yes, you can apply if you meet all the requirements. Lots of luck!

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Antoine: a programme in BA English only accounts to the English track.

Josephine: Thank you! Is there a chance that students who meet most entry requirements but not all of them, their application for the master can be ‘transferred’ as an application for the premasters? And how many months does the premaster normally endure?

Karen, Utrecht University: @Josephine: yes, that is possible for Dutch students. The duration depends on your individual premaster programme. In general the programme is 45 EC and is spread over 6 to 9 months.

Antoine: Alright, so you can only take a language track if you have specifically studied that language, correct? Otherwise, we need to apply for the multilingual track?

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Antoine: that's right

Hannah: Do you have an example of courses premaster students might need to undertake?

Marloes, Utrecht University: @Hannah: each premaster programme is tailormade. It depends on your previous education. All courses are on BA-level,