

Selection for Bachelor degree programmes Pharmacy and College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Utrecht University

For the 2023-2024 academic year, the bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy, including the honours track College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPS) at Utrecht University have introduced a fixed quota in combination with selection. The quota has been set at 300. The regulations below are applicable to candidates wishing to be eligible for a place on the degree programme through selection in Utrecht. Candidates who apply are expected to be familiar with these regulations. More general information on the degree programmes with a fixed quota can be found on the DUO [website](#).

Selection regulations for the Bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and the College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (CPS) at Utrecht University

These Regulations have been adopted by the Executive Board on the recommendation of the Dean of the Faculty of Science after seeking advice from Faculty Council on 20 September 2022.

Applying for Pharmacy and/or CPS

1. Only candidates who have obtained or expect to obtain no later than 31 August 2023 one of the following diplomas are eligible for selection for the bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and CPS at Utrecht University for the 2023-2024 academic year:

- VWO (pre-university education) diploma with Culture & Society profile + mathematics A or B and physics and chemistry as three optional subjects
- VWO diploma with Economics & Society profile + physics and chemistry as optional subjects
- VWO diploma with Nature & Health profile + physics as optional subject
- VWO diploma with Nature & Technology profile
- A first-year certificate or diploma from a university of applied sciences under the Law the Law Higher Education and Scientific Research (WHW), supplemented with certificates at VWO-level for the subjects mathematics A or B, physics and chemistry. A propaedeutic year or diploma of one of the following bachelors of a university of applied sciences:
 - Life Sciences
 - Biology & Medical Laboratory Research
 - Chemistry & Medical Laboratory Research
 - Chemistry
 - Chemical Technology

Candidates who have not obtained a VWO diploma with the Culture & Society profile (with math A or B, physics and chemistry), the Economics & Society profile (with physics and chemistry), the Science & Health profile (with physics) or Science & Technology profile (that give direct admission to the degree programme) but do have an equivalent diploma may only enrol for the degree programme after it has been shown that the candidate possesses sufficient knowledge at the level of the VWO final examination in the following subjects of the compulsory VWO profile:

- Mathematics A or Mathematics B
- Physics
- Chemistry

The Pharmacy panel of the Board of Examiners of the Undergraduate School, Faculty of Sciences at Utrecht University will assess the equivalence of the above diplomas or certificates (other than the VWO diplomas). The International Office of Utrecht University will assess the equivalence of non-Dutch diplomas.

2. Candidates must have registered via Studielink not later than 15 January 2023.

3. Candidates who have registered via Studielink will be informed in writing no later than 16 January whether they have been admitted to the selection procedure. Candidates who have been admitted to the selection procedure will receive an invitation to fill in a questionnaire.
At the start of the questionnaire, candidates will be asked to specify which degree programme (Pharmacy or CPS) they wish to apply for. Pharmacy candidates will also receive an invitation for the Pharmacy selection day, which will be held on Saturday 11 February 2023 in Utrecht.
4. The questionnaire for Pharmacy or CPS must be completed and returned by 1 February 2023.
5. Candidates who have not received an invitation by 17 January to complete the questionnaire and/or those who have not been contacted by 2 February with information on the selection day (only Pharmacy candidates) should [contact](#) the Pharmacy/CPS degree programme office straight away.
6. There is only one selection day for Pharmacy, and one week with selection days for the CPS.
7. During the selection day, candidates must present a copy of a valid ID.
8. If the candidate does not participate in the selection day, his or her participation in the selection procedure will end. The candidate will be notified of the decision by the Selection and Placement committee.
9. Candidates who live abroad and are unable to attend the selection day will receive an invitation for the online programme. This digital programme takes place at the same time (Dutch time) as the selection day in Utrecht (Pharmacy) or in the same week with selection days (CPS). Candidates living abroad must have a computer with internet connection in order to take part.

Selection procedure for Pharmacy

10. Candidates who have been invited to participate in the selection day for Pharmacy as part of the selection procedure will receive an email by 2 February with details on the material they must study to prepare for the selection tests.
11. The subject material to prepare for the selection tests for Pharmacy involves 30 study hours and covers a number of related subjects in a way that is as similar as possible to the teaching of a regular course in year 1 of the Bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy in Utrecht.
12. The selection tests for Pharmacy consist of the following parts:
 - a) arithmetical questions;
 - b) open questions about the subject material studied;
 - c) multiple choice questions about the subject material studied.
13. The same test facilities will apply for all candidates when taking the tests. In addition, candidates with a functional disability may [contact](#) the study advisor by sending an email to discuss whether any additional facilities can be offered. A candidate may not derive any rights from reporting a functional disability. The deadline for reporting a functional disability is 25 January 2023.
14. There will be no opportunity to inspect the tests or parts of the tests made.
15. If the candidate does not meet the obligation referred to in the previous paragraph, his or her participation in the selection procedure will end. The candidate will be notified of the decision by the Selection and Placement committee.

16. The average VWO marks obtained for the subjects Mathematics, Chemistry and Physics will be taken into account in the selection procedure.

The VWO marks need to be submitted as follows:

- Candidates that will take their finals in the school year 2022-2023, fill in their schoolexam marks (SE marks) with 13 January 2023 as reference date in the questionnaire and upload a certified list of marks.
- Candidates that took their finals in the school year 2021-2022 or earlier, can choose which marks they fill in the questionnaire and upload in a certified list of marks: the VWO report for the end of year 5 or the SE marks on the list of their finals.

The VWO marks for the abovementioned subjects will not be taken into account in the selection procedure if:

- the VWO diploma dates from before 2010;
- the candidate has no complete overview of obtained VWO marks;
- the candidate has a diploma from a foreign institution;
- the candidate will be taking or has taken years 5 and 6 VWO in a single year;
- the candidate has a list of marks which does not include all the above-mentioned subjects;

17. If the VWO diploma dates from before 2010, the candidate has no complete overview of obtained VWO marks, the candidate has a list of marks on which the VWO-marks that are not rounded to one decimal place, the candidate has a diploma from a foreign institution, the candidate will be taking or has taken years 5 and 6 VWO in a single year, or the candidate has a list of marks which does not include all the above-mentioned subjects, the entrance test and final test will each be worth 50% (together 100%)

18. The test scores for the entrance test and final test and the VWO marks will determine the rankings of the candidates on the ranking list. The entrance test and final test are each worth 30%, the VWO marks will be worth 40%. Candidates with the highest score will be assigned the lowest ranking number, while those with the lowest score will be assigned the highest ranking number. The ranking number will determine the order of inclusion on the list on the grounds of the selection. Naturally the other statutory admission requirements for the Pharmacy degree programme and the requirements for DUO must have been met for the candidate to be confirmed on the list.

Selection procedure for CPS, honours track within the bachelor of Pharmacy

19. Before the end of February 2023, candidates will receive an invitation to one of the selection days in the week of Monday 27 February 2023 in Utrecht, at which the candidates will be asked to write an essay on a subject related to CPS.

20. Candidates can prepare for writing the essay by choosing and studying carefully one of the three articles that will be sent with the invitation. On the selection day, the candidates will be given a written assignment with a number of questions that must be answered in the essay. In addition, candidates with a functional disability may [contact](#) the study advisor by sending an email to discuss whether any additional facilities can be offered. A candidate may not derive any rights from this report of a functional disability. The deadline for reporting a functional disability is 13 February 2023.

21. The questionnaire and the letter of recommendation (application forms) and the interview (if applicable) are scored on several elements and receive one final score on a scale from 1 to 5. Also the essay is scored on various elements and receives one final score on a scale from 1 to 5. The essay and the possible interview are independently assessed from the application forms.

22. Candidates with a score of 3.0 or higher for the application forms and a score of 3.0 or higher for the essay can be selected for CPS. Selection is also dependent on the number of

applications. The final score for the application forms and the possible interview is worth 60%. The final score for the essay is worth 40%. The candidate with the highest score will be assigned the lowest ranking number, while the candidate with the lowest score will be assigned the highest ranking number. The ranking number will determine the order of inclusion on the list on the grounds of the selection. Naturally, the other statutory admission requirements for the CPS degree programme and the requirements for DUO must have been met for the candidate to be confirmed on the list.

Candidates that are not selected for CPS (because they received one or two scores lower than 3.0 or because there were too many candidates with higher scores than twice 3.0) receive a ranking number for Pharmacy. If they also participated in the selection procedure of this programme, the ranking number will be based on their results in this procedure (see above under 18 and 19). In case they did not participate in the Pharmacy selection procedure they will receive a ranking number that is higher than the participant with the highest ranking number that did participate in this selection procedure. Based on the results in the CPS selection procedure, the (high) ranking numbers for the Pharmacy programme will be given.

23. Candidates may request an explanation of the end result of their selection. It is not possible to inspect the assessment of the application forms, interview and essay.

Notification of ranking numbers and organisation

24. The ranking numbers will be recorded by Utrecht University in Studielink before 15 April 2023.
25. Admission to the degree programme will be confirmed on the basis of the rankings established by Utrecht University and the applicable statutory provisions.
26. In the week after 15 April 2023, the candidates will be informed by Utrecht University in writing of:
 - the score of the entrance test (Pharmacy)
 - the score of the final test (Pharmacy)
 - the final score of the application forms (CPS)
 - the final score of the essay (CPS)
27. The candidates will be notified of their ranking number through Studielink. They will receive by email a further explanation of the ranking number they have been given. Candidates who do not agree with this decision on the ranking number they have been given are advised to [contact](#) first to discuss any questions they may have.
28. If a candidate does not agree with the decision on the ranking number given to him or her, the candidate may submit a letter of objection, with reasons, to the Executive Board of Utrecht University by submitting an [online form](#). Candidates who do not yet have a Solis ID can use the login name 'bezwaarmaker' (objector) and the password 'toelating' (admission).
29. Candidates may participate up to three times in the selection procedure for the Pharmacy or CPS degree programme at Utrecht University. Results for the tests and/or application forms and essay cannot be carried over to a subsequent academic year.
30. Any candidate found to be committing fraud will be immediately excluded from the selection procedures for the bachelor degree programmes in Pharmacy and CPS at Utrecht University.
31. The selection for the Bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy and CPS will be carried out by the Selection and Placement Committee on behalf of the Executive Board of Utrecht University. The members of the Selection and Placement Committee will be appointed by the director for the Bachelor degree programme in Pharmacy.

32. The Selection and Placement Committee reserves the right, in those cases where strict application of the procedure would lead to extreme unfairness, to deviate from the provisions in these regulations.
33. If situations arise not foreseen in these regulations, the Selection and Placement Committee will take a decision.
34. These regulations become effective on 1 October 2022 and apply to the selection for admission to the degree programme in Pharmacy at Utrecht University for the 2023-2024 academic year.