

Admission requirements

Food Safety (MFS), Food Quality Management (MFQ)
Food Technology (MFT; including MFT-DL and the EMFS specialization)

There are two types of admission requirements: general and programme specific.
The general and programme specific requirements apply to all applicants.

1a. The General admission requirements (SSC):

- **Proof of English proficiency**
Please see the: [English language requirements](#)
- **Bachelor degree at sufficient level and appropriate GPA**
Please see the: [International Credential Guide](#) at Previous education

The admission process and *the general admission requirements are handled centrally by the Student Service Centre (SSC)*. Only complete applications that **meet the English language requirements** and respect the application **deadlines** are forwarded by SSC to the admission boards¹. For more information about the language, level and GPA requirements, application deadlines, contact ssc@wur.nl or click on the link below.

[How to apply for a master programme](#)

1b. Programme specific requirements (Admission board):

The admission board will assess the following criteria:

Relevant bachelor degree & sufficient prior knowledge

Your transcript will have to demonstrate that you master the core disciplines of your programme of choice. Table 2 provides an overview per programme of the most common degrees of our applicants and demonstrate an indication of admissibility:

- With a degree listed as green you are very likely admissible
- With a degree listed as yellow you may be admissible
- With degrees listed as red you are typically not admissible, unless you have done a specific minor, such as our Food Technology minor, or similar.

Keep in mind that in the end the name of your degree is not most relevant, but the courses that you have successfully finalized within the programme of your previous degree.

¹ Dossiers with a GPA below the GPA requirement will be forwarded to the admission board. Even though this is sufficient ground for rejection as such, in some cases the admission board may decide to still admit an applicant.

2a. Admissibility per degree: Food Technology

Degree name	MFT
Relevant courses/content: Solid background in the fundamental sciences of food chemistry, food physics, food microbiology, mathematics and food process engineering	
Agriculture	
Animal Sciences	
Biotechnology	
Chemical Engineering	
Chemical Technology	
Chemistry	
Culinary Sciences	
Dairy Science & Technology	
Dietetics	
Food & Business	
Food Design	
Food Engineering	
Food Quality & Safety	
Food Science	
Food Science & Technology	
Food Technology	
Gastronomical Sciences	
Horticulture	
Laboratory Sciences	
Microbiology	
Nutrition	
Pharmacy	
Plant Sciences	
Post-Harvest Technology	
Public Health	
Toxicology	
Veterinary Sciences	

2b. Admissibility per degree: Food Safety

Degree name	MFS
Relevant courses/content: Solid background in food technology and/or microbiology & toxicology and/or law & governance	
Agriculture	
Animal Sciences	
Biotechnology	
Chemical Engineering	
Chemistry	
Culinary Sciences	
Dairy Science & Technology	
Dietetics	
Economy	
Environmental Health	
European Studies	
Food & Business	
Food Design	
Food Engineering	
Food Quality & Safety	
Food Science	
Food Science & Technology	
Food Technology	
Gastronomical Sciences	
Horticulture	
Hotel Management	
Laboratory Sciences	
Law	
Logistics Management	
Management Studies	
Microbiology	
Nutrition	
Pharmacy	
Plant Sciences	
Post-Harvest Technology	
Public Health	
Toxicology	
Veterinary Sciences	

2c. Admissibility per degree: Food Quality Management

Degree name	MFQ
Agriculture	
Animal Sciences	
Biotechnology	
Chemical Engineering	
Chemistry	
Culinary Sciences	
Dairy Science & Technology	
Dietetics	
Economy	
Environmental Health	
European Studies	
Food & Business	
Food Design	
Food Engineering	
Food Quality & Safety	
Food Science	
Food Science & Technology	
Food Technology	
Gastronomical Sciences	
Horticulture	
Hotel Management	
Laboratory Sciences	
Law	
Logistics Management	
Management Studies	
Microbiology	
Nutrition	
Pharmacy	
Plant Sciences	
Post-Harvest Technology	
Public Health	
Toxicology	
Veterinary Sciences	

2d. Admissibility per degree: MSc Food Technology – HBO degrees

Please find below an overview below of the admissibility for the **MFT programme** for **degrees obtained at a HBO institution in the Netherlands**.

Programme	Institution	Specialisation	Admissible?
Voedingsmiddelentechnologie	Van Hall Larenstein	Any	Yes*
	HAS	Any	Yes*
Chemische Technologie / Process and Food Technology	Haagse Hogeschool	Any	Yes*
Food Innovation	HAS	Any	Maybe**
Food Commerce & Technology	InHolland	Voedingstechnologie	Maybe**
		Markt en Consument	Probably No***
Food & business	HAN	Any	Probably No***
Healthy living	HAS	Any	Probably No***
Other HBO programmes	Others	Any	Check table 2a

* We recommend including our WUR minor Food Technology in your programme, but this is not compulsory

** You are only admissible when you did the minor Food Technology or similar as part of your current programme. If you did not do the minor Food Technology in your bachelor programme, you may be eligible for a pre-master.

*** It will be a big challenge to successfully complete the minor Food Technology. However, if you do successfully complete it, you will become admissible.

2e. Admissibility per degree: MFQ & MFS – HBO/WO

Please find below the relevant links regarding **degrees obtained at HBO & WO institutions in the Netherlands**. Please note that these pages are only available in Dutch.

Master Food Quality Management: <https://masterkeuze.qompas.nl/master/food-quality-management/1657/>

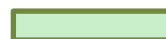
Master Food Safety: <https://masterkeuze.qompas.nl/master/food-safety/1660/>

3. Outcome of the admission process

The decision of the admission board can lead to several outcomes:

1. Probably direct admission

This applies to the degrees marked as green



2. Probably no admission, unless with specific courses towards our master

This applies to the degrees marked as red



3. Probably no direct admission, usually an offer to follow an individual pre-master programme which grants direct admission after successful completion

This applies to the degrees marked as yellow



Pre-master explained:

The admission board may decide that an applicant is potentially admissible to one of the master programs, but lacks skills in one or more of the core disciplines, which cannot be compensated by at least 30 ECTS of relevant courses that have already been obtained.

In that case an individual pre-master programme can be created to bridge specific individual knowledge gaps as defined by the admission board. A pre-master contains a minimum of 6 and a maximum of 30 ECTS. It typically contains 30 ECTS. After successfully finalizing the pre-master programme, the applicant is allowed to directly enroll in the MSc programme.

The admission board can only offer a pre-master after assessing a complete application for the regular master programme. As such you cannot apply for a pre-master, it can only be offered to you by the admission board, under the circumstances described above. In all cases the final decision remains with the admission board.

Please note: all courses of the Food Technology pre-master are provided on-campus in Wageningen and are taught in period 1-3 (September – February). For Food Safety and Food Quality Management pre-master programmes are designed individually. You may enroll in the master programme directly after having finalized the pre-master programme, however in most cases we recommend to start in period 1 (September) in the consecutive academic year. Find more information about pre-master programmes [here](#).

4. Increasing admissibility prior to applying or after rejection

The Food Technology Minor

Finalizing on campus **Minor Food Technology** with an appropriate GPA will *strongly increase the chance of* being directly admitted to the Master Food Technology Programme. This minor is offered once a year in periods 1-3 (September-February). Students doing a Dutch bachelor can take this minor as part of their bachelor programme as a '[national guest student](#)'. European students and students from partner universities can do this minor as part of an [\(Erasmus\) exchange programme](#). If your university is not a WUR partner university, you can do the courses as a [contract student](#). For a description of the programme and application information please [click here](#).

After finalizing the minor applicants will still have to go through the Master admission process and will still have to meet the general admission requirements, to be assessed by the admission board. Always add the results of the minor when applying.

Other Minors

There are no specific **MSc Food Safety** or **MSc Food Quality Management** minors, but completing the Food technology minor will increase admissibility for these programmes as well. However, this programme may be too technological for many students. In this case, please send a mail to studyadvice.food@wur.nl to discuss what (WUR) minor courses can increase your chance to be admitted.

How to arrange enrollment for the minor?

To find the enrollment type that best fits your situation, please have a look at the table below. For questions, please contact: ssc@wur.nl.

	Type of student	Current enrollment		Enrollment type
M I N O R O N C A M P U S	WUR	Enrolled at WUR		Please contact your study advisor
	Dutch	Enrolled at Dutch university/HBO		Bijvakstudent
		Not Enrolled at Dutch university/HBO		Contract student
	International	Enrolled at Dutch university/HBO		National guest student
		Not Enrolled at Dutch university/HBO	Enrolled at a partner university	Exchange student
			Not enrolled at a partner university	Contract student