
Admission requirements 2026-2027

for all non-WUR applicants

Food Technology (MFT, MFT-DL, EMFS) Food Safety (MFS) Food Quality Management (MFQ)

Admission requirements are in place to ensure that admitted students have the capacity to finalize their MSc programme of choice within the nominal duration.

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1. General admission requirements (SSC)

First read: [Apply for a master's programme](#)

There are two types of admission requirements: **general admission requirements** and **programme-specific admission requirements**. The application process and assessment of the general admission requirements are handled centrally by the Student Service Centre (SSC).

- **English language proficiency MSc**

Please see the: [English language requirements](#)

- **Bachelor's degree at sufficient level and appropriate GPA**

Please see the: [International credentials evaluation guide](#)

Only complete applications that **meet the English language requirements** and are **submitted before the application deadlines** will be assessed¹. Question about the general admission requirements: ssc@wur.nl

2. Programme specific requirements (Admission Board)

The Admission Board will assess:

- **Relevant and sufficient prior knowledge**

The Admission Board considers whether the **sum of courses you have successfully completed** demonstrates sufficient and relevant prior knowledge². The title of your degree(s) alone does not determine whether your academic background is relevant. For example, your curriculum may include a minor, elective courses or individual courses from another discipline.

Note that course names, content and study load may vary between universities and countries. If you wish to self-assess whether or not you meet the prior knowledge requirements, you may compare the **learning outcomes** of your previous courses with the **learning outcomes** of the relevant **WUR courses listed on the next page** in the [WUR Course Catalogue](#). 1 ECTS in the EU is the equivalent of 28 hours of study load. If your course names deviate strongly from the course names in the table below but they do cover the same/highly similar learning outcomes please add a small document to your application to clarify this to the Admission Board.

¹ Low GPA is sufficient ground for rejection as such, however the last page of the [international credentials evaluation guide](#) mentions compensating factors. The GPA requirement equally applies for a potential pre-master, a pre-master is never offered to compensate for low GPA.

² In some cases work experience may be considered alongside courses as proof of prior knowledge.

2a. Overview of the minimum programme specific requirements***

Courses	MFT	MFS (A,B,C)	MFS (B: LAW)	MFQ
Math. concepts for Food Technology	✓			✓
Food Microbiology	✓	✓*	✓*	✓
Food Chemistry	✓			✓
Food Preservation Processes	✓			
Food Physics	✓			✓
Food Toxicology		✓*	✓*	✓
Disciplines				
Law			✓*	
Food/Nutrition (other than food tech)		**		✓
Business Administration				✓
Management				✓
Logistics				✓
Consumer studies				✓
Microbiology		*	*	✓
Entrepreneurship				✓
Agronomy Sciences				✓
Most likely interpretation & outcome				
>=30 ECTS of courses ✓ or courses with similar learning outcomes	Admitted	Admitted		Admitted
15 ECTS of courses ✓ or courses with similar learning outcomes	Pre-Master	Admitted		Pre-master
<10 ECTS of courses ✓	Rejection	Rejection		Rejection
* Food Microbiology is considered more relevant than General Microbiology, which is more relevant than Cell Biology. Food Toxicology is more relevant than General Toxicology, which is more relevant than General Chemistry. Only Cell Biology + General Chemistry are not sufficient for admission. For the Law specialization (B) having >15 of decent Law courses is required.				
** A nutrition degree typically covers the learning outcomes for Food Microbiology and Food Toxicology but not necessarily				
***No rights can be derived from this overview				

3. Outcome of the admission process

The admission process can result in **three distinct outcomes**:

- Admission to the Master's programme
- A Pre-Master's programme is offered
- Rejection

In all cases you will be informed per email about the outcome. In case of admission or when a premaster is offered please follow up on the information in the email to finalize the enrolment process in time.

Pre – Master

After assessing a complete MSc application, the Admission Board may offer an **individual Pre-Master's programme** to cover insufficient prior knowledge limited to 1-5 WUR courses (6-30 ECTS). The pre-master always takes place on campus in Wageningen (Sep-Feb). Find [more information here](#).

Legal protection

If you receive an outcome that you experience as unjust please formulate your arguments and contact food.science@wur.nl as soon as possible for a re-interpretation. If you find the re-interpretation unjust you may send an appeal to legalprotection.students@wur.nl within 6 weeks after the first outcome has been disclosed.

4. Increasing admissibility prior to application or after rejection

By adding relevant courses (see point 2) to your curriculum before your application or after rejection, you can increase your admissibility. Note that courses in pre-master might overlap with courses in one of our minors.

It is not absolutely necessary to increase your admissibility at Wageningen University. In consultation with one of our study advisors you can take courses anywhere around the world, **however taking [courses/minors](#) on campus in Wageningen will have several advantages**:

- You may be exempted from the [English language requirement](#)
- Relevant courses may [compensate for a GPA below the requirement](#)
- You get a very [good idea of what an MSc at WUR would be like](#)
- The admission requirements to take a minor/courses at WUR are relatively flexible as you might not meet the pre-conditions to get a pre-master offered

After finalizing a minor applicants will have to go through the admission process and meet the admission requirements. Always add minor/courses results when applying.

Overview of Food minors at WUR

Minor Food Technology	Semester	WUR Period	Admissibility after finalizing
Math. concepts for Food Technology	1	1	English language requirements Exempted (24 ECTS English taught courses) ✓ Compensation for low GPA Depending on your grades ✓ Programme specific requirements MFT, MFS & MFQ ✓
Food Microbiology	1	1	
Food Chemistry	1	2	
Food Preservation Processes	1	2	
Food Physics	1	3	
Minor Food Quality Management			
Principles of Consumer studies	1	1	English language requirements Exempted (24 ECTS English taught courses) ✓ Compensation for low GPA Depending on your grades ✓ Programme specific requirements MFQ ✓
Basics in Food Technology	1	1	
Food Culture and Customs	1	2	
Management and Marketing	1	2	
Qualitative Consumer Research in Food Design	1	3	
Minor Foods of Animal Origin			
Meat Science	1	1	English language requirements Exempted (24 ECTS English taught courses) ✓ Compensation for low GPA Depending on your grades ✓ Programme specific requirements MFQ ✓
Food Related Allergies and Intolerances	1	2	
Milk in the Dairy Chain	1	2	
Insects as Food and Feed	1	3	
Meat Science	1	1	
Food Safety suggested courses			
Risk communication	2	4	English language requirements Exempted (24 ECTS English taught courses) ✓ Compensation for low GPA Depending on your grades ✓ Programme specific requirements @ study advisor
International and EU environmental law	2	4	
Food Hazards	2	5	
Discipline Integrating Properties of Food	2	6	
Quality Systems Operations	2	6	

How to arrange enrollment for the minor?

BSc Institution	Enrolled?	How to enroll
WUR	YES	Contact study advisor
	NO	Contract student
HBO/WO Dutch non-WUR	YES	Bijvakstudent* or Kiesopmaat*
	NO	Contract student
Non-Dutch	YES at a partner university	Exchange student
	YES but not at a partner university	Contract student
	NO	Contract student
*Our minors via kiesopmaat are not yet available, we are working hard to resolve the matter		
For questions regarding enrollment please contact: ssc@wur.nl		

Appendix 1: Dutch degrees (HBO/WO) – relevant & sufficient prior knowledge*

Programme	MFT (DL)	MFS	MFQ
Applied Mathematics	Minor	Minor	✓
Bedrijfskunde/Business Administration	Minor	Minor	✓
Beta – gamma	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor
Biology	PM or Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	✓
Biotechnology	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	✓
Chemical Engineering (Food Technology)	✓	✓	✓
Chemical Engineering	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	@ Study Advisor
Chemical Science & Engineering	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	@ Study Advisor
Chemie	PM or Minor	Minor	@ Study Advisor
Communicatie	Minor	Minor	@ Study Advisor
Diergeneeskunde	Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	@ Study Advisor
Econometrics	Minor	Minor	@ Study Advisor
European Studies	Minor	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor
Food Commerce & Technology	PM	✓	✓
Food Innovation	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	✓
For. laboratorium onderzoek	Minor	✓	@ Study Advisor
Gezondheidswetenschappen	Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	✓
Industrial Engineering	Minor	Minor	✓
International Food & Agribusiness	Minor	Minor	✓
Law (any type)	Minor	>15 ECTS of solid Law courses	@ Study Advisor
Liberal Arts and Sciences	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor
Life Sciences and Technology	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	@ Study Advisor
Milieukunde	Minor	Minor	@ Study Advisor
Molecular Science and Technology	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	@ Study Advisor
Ondernemerschap & Retail Management	Minor	Minor	✓
Pharmacy/pharmaceutical sciences	Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	✓
Public Health (Global/European)	PM or Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and Toxicology ✓	✓
Rechten	Minor	@ Study Advisor	@ Study Advisor
Scheikundige technologie	PM or Minor	PM or Minor	@ Study Advisor
Toegepaste Biologie	Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	@ Study Advisor
Tuinbouw & Agribusiness	Minor	Minor	✓
Voeding & Diëtetiek	PM or Minor	> 15 ECTS (food) microbiology and (food) Toxicology ✓	✓
Voedingsmiddelentechnologie	✓	✓	✓

*This table provides a general estimation of having obtained sufficient and relevant prior knowledge for applicants with a Dutch HBO or WO degree. This overview might not apply to your situation specifically, in no case rights can be derived from this overview.

✓ = sufficient relevant courses **PM** = Pre-Master may be offered **Minor** = Unlikely that a PM will be offered, only way to make yourself admissible is via a minor or a set of individual courses specified by a study advisor @ WUR. **Contact study advisor = food.science@wur.nl**

If your programme is not mentioned in this list please contact food.science@wur.nl

Also see:

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

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

Master Food Technology: <https://masterkeuze.qompas.nl/master/food-technology/2319/>

Appendix 2: FAQ & relevant links

1. Where can I find more information about how to apply?

Find [more information here](#)

2. Can you pre-assess my admissibility per email?

No. The Admission Board can only assess your admissibility after a complete application. You may pre-assess your own admissibility as described in section 2. If you are really not sure about your admissibility [contact us](#).

3. Is there a maximum number of students admitted per year?

No, if you get admitted and you finalize the enrollment process, you can start.

4. Can I apply for more than one programme?

You can apply for up to two programmes per intake. If you are unsure which programme to choose, you can apply for both and decide later, after receiving the admission results. Before the enrollment deadline, you must choose one programme and withdraw your other application in Studielink. In consultation with a study advisor, you may also be able to combine two Master's programmes and obtain two degrees.

5. Is there a fee for the applicant/admission process?

No, applying as such is costless. When an [English language test](#) is required, it might cost you money.

6. Can I apply before I have graduated?

Yes, don't wait until the last moment! Keep in mind that you still need to meet the admission requirements. If you need to complete a relevant course first, the Admission Board may put your application on hold until you have completed it.

7. I don't have proof of English proficiency, can I still apply?

It's not recommended to apply without proof of English proficiency since your application will not be assessed and you will not receive an outcome until you meet the English language requirement, always check the [relevant deadlines](#).

8. Is the GPA norm applied to a specific group of applicants?

All applicants are required to meet the GPA norm. We don't distinguish between Dutch (HBO/WO) or foreign degrees neither between direct admission or a pre-master offer.

9. How to contact you in case of questions?

Please contact food.science@wur.nl