Diploma specific admission requirements

For the BSc programmes in Business Administration and Economics and Business Economics starting in September 2023.

To be eligible for one of NSM's English-taught Bachelor’s programmes, you must meet the admission requirements; academic, English language proficiency and Mathematics. In order to satisfy the academic requirements you need to have successfully completed previous education deemed comparable (according to NUFFIC) to a Dutch VWO Diploma. Below, you will find a list of diplomas that meet the academic requirement, including ways in which you can prove your English language proficiency.

For Mathematics, you can satisfy this requirement either via the Mathematics requirements listed under each specific diploma or alternatively via one of these Mathematics tests:

1. Online Mathematics Placement Test (OMPT-A) with a passing grade
2. SAT with a minimum score of 600 (out of 800) points on the Mathematics section;
3. Mathematics A or B certificate, from the Centrale Commissies Voortentamen (CCVX) or the Boswell-Bêta

Belgium
Diploma: Diploma van secundair onderwijs.
Mathematics requirement: Having taken Mathematics throughout secondary school, including the final year and having obtained the passing grade.
English language: Having obtained a passing grade for English as a final exam subject.

Germany
Diploma: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife (obtained in Gymnasium).
Mathematics requirement: GK/LK Mathematik up until the Abitur (not necessarily in the Abitur). The results will be assessed on an individual basis, as the grades must be comparable to that of VWO Mathematics A or B (with a passing grade).
English language: English as Prüfungsfach in the Abitur (Grundkurs or Leistungskurs). The results will be assessed on an individual basis. If your level is insufficient, a separate certificate proving proficiency in English is needed (see below; “Proving proficiency in the English language”).

France
Diploma: Baccalauréat Général.
Mathematics requirement: Having taken Mathematics throughout secondary school (including final year) and having obtained the passing grade.
English language: A separate certificate proving proficiency in English is needed (see below; Proving proficiency in the English language*).

Luxembourg
Diploma: Diplome de Fin d'Etudes Secondaires.
Mathematics requirement: Having taken Mathematics throughout secondary school, including the final year and having obtained the passing grade.
English language: Having obtained a passing grade for English as a final exam subject.

United Kingdom
Certificates: General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) in 6 subjects or more, of which 3 with marks ranging from A* - C + a General Certificate of Education (GCE) with 3 subjects at advanced level (A-level) with marks ranging from A* - C (no vocational subjects), 6 different subjects, including English and Math
Mathematics requirement: Having passed Mathematics at GCE A-level with a minimum grade C.
English language: Having obtained a GCE with 3 A-Levels, marks ranging from A*-C.
United States

Diploma: United States (US) High School Diploma plus;
- (+) four AP-certificates with a minimum grade 3 (out of 5) OR
- (+) SATs (Mathematics section 600; Reading & Writing sections 580)

Mathematics requirement: Having obtained a minimum;
- grade 3 (out of 5) on an AP certificate in Calculus AB, Calculus BC or Statistics OR
- of at least 600 (out of 800) in the Mathematics section of the SATs


International Baccalaureate

Diploma: Diploma programme, not Career-related programme, with a minimum of at least 24 points and 3 Higher Level (HL) subjects.

Mathematics requirement: Having obtained at least 4 points in:
- Mathematics Analysis & Approaches (A&A) SL/HL OR
- Mathematics SL/HL

Please note: Mathematics Applications & Interpretations (AI) SL/HL is not accepted nor is Mathematics Studies SL. If you study either of these Mathematics, you can supplement this requirement by undertaking a Mathematics test (e.g., OMPT-A) and obtaining the required passing grade as indicated on page 1.

English language: Having obtained an International Baccalaureate diploma proves proficiency in English.

European Baccalaureate

Diploma: European Baccalaureate Diploma.

Mathematics requirement: Having obtained the passing grade for Mathematics three periods per week or Mathematics five periods per week.

English language: Having passed English Language 1 or 2.
Proving proficiency in the English language

You can prove sufficient proficiency in English in three ways: through your previous education, through your citizenship or through a language test. Below you can find out which applies to you.

**Previous education**
If you have or will get one of the diplomas mentioned below, you do not have to take a language test.

- Germany: Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife, including English in the Abitur as a Grundkurs or Leistungskurs
- International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma Programme in the English language)
- European Baccalaureate (including English Language 2 or 1)
- A diploma, equivalent to the Dutch VWO diploma, obtained after completing an English-taught programme in one of the member states of the EU/EEA, Australia, Canada (with the exception of Quebec), New Zealand, the United Kingdom or the United States.

Obtaining a diploma from one of the European countries mentioned below and having passed English in the final examinations, will also exempt you from taking a language test:

- Austria Reifezeugnis or Reifeprüfungszeugnis
- Belgium Diploma van secundair onderwijs
- Denmark Studentereksamenbevis
- Finland Ylioppilastutkintotodistus or Studentereksamenbevis
- Germany Zeugnis der Allgemeinen Hochschulreife
- Luxembourg Diplôme de Fin d'Études Secondaires
- Norway Vitnemal for Vidergaende Skole
- Sweden Slutbetyg fran Gymnasieskolan

**English language test**
If none of the above applies to you, you will be required to take a language test. We accept the following tests:

- IELTS Academic: overall score at least 6.0, sub-scores at least 6.0
- TOEFL iBT: total score at least 80, sub-scores at least 20
- Cambridge Certificate C1 Advanced: minimum mark C
- Cambridge Certificate C2 Proficiency: minimum mark C

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