

Regulation for Master's Admission Without Bachelor's Certificate (*'Zachte knip'*) 2021-2022

Wageningen University Master's Admission Without Bachelor's Certificate 2021/2022

Starting a Master's without a Bachelor's degree

1. WU Bachelor's - Register as student for the Master's programme

A WU student who is registered for a WU Bachelor's programme intends to transfer to a Master's programme at WU.

Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate for this group of students means:

The senior Bachelor's student will also be registered as a student at WU for the 2021/2022 WU Master's programme of their choice starting between 1 September 2021 and 1 February 2022, even though the student has not yet completed their Bachelor's programme.

The Bachelor's student will submit a request for 2021/2022 re-enrolment for the Bachelor's programme and a request for 2021/2022 enrolment for the WU Master's programme, starting between 1 September 2021 and 1 February 2022. The student will end up with two registrations at WU in 2021/2022.

The following conditions apply to this provision:

- a. The student is registered for a Bachelor's programme at WU in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- b. The student submits a 2021/2022 enrolment request for the WU Master's programme starting between 31 August 2021 and 1 February 2022 (preferably using Studielink or alternatively using SIS registration).
- c. On the basis of the Bachelor's programme the student is enrolled in, the student is admissible to the WU Master's programme with the condition "Bachelor's degree obtained". Admissible means: directly admissible (based on the table in Appendix 3 of the EER), or admissible after assessment by the admissions committee.
- d. On the date of enrolment in the master programme the student has earned at least 150 EC from the WU Bachelor's programme and has an approved course package.
- e. The delay was caused by the COVID-19-related measures in education.
- f. The student has submitted an application form for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate (Application form *Zachte knip*) to the study adviser, and has accurately highlighted which Bachelor's components are missing, and how they plan to complete their Bachelor's programme in the 2021/2022 academic year in addition to taking part in Master's courses (in scope and time planning). On the basis of this explanation, the study adviser will determine if the student is eligible for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate.
- g. The delay was incurred after March 2020.
- h. The student will be exempt from paying 2021/2022 tuition fees for the Bachelor's registration if the student is eligible for the statutory tuition fee for the Master's registration. The Master's registration will be the primary registration; the Bachelor's registration will be a secondary registration.
- i. The student can only make use of this regulation for up to one year. If the student has not yet obtained their Bachelor's certificate by 31 August 2022, then the student cannot re-enrol for the Master's programme at WU for 2022/2023. This date also applies to student who enrolled at a later date, with 1 February 2022 as the last enrolment date for which the *'zachte knip'* may be used.
- j. Any credits obtained for Master's courses (in 2021/2022) can be used at a later date.

2. Bachelor's students from other Dutch universities and institutes of higher professional education (HBO, not WU) - Registration for WU Master's programme (including NL, EU and non-EU students)

Students who are registered for a Bachelor's programme at another Dutch University (thus not WU) or at a Dutch institute of higher professional education (HBO). Student intends to transfer to a Master's programme at WU after their Bachelor's programme.

Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate for this group of students means:

The Bachelor's student will be registered as a student at WU for the WU Master's programme of their choice starting on 31 August 2021, even though the student has not yet completed their Bachelor's programme. If the programme allows for enrolment in February (see Regulations for Enrolment article 1.9) the 'zachte knip' also applies to enrolment as of 1 February 2022.

The student will remain registered at the other institution of higher education as student for the Bachelor's programme (the secondary registration) and will have a primary registration as a student at WU for the Master's programme.

The Bachelor's student will submit a request for re-enrolment for 2021/2022 for the Bachelor's programme at the institution of the initial registration. Additionally, the student will submit a registration for the WU Master's programme starting on 31 August 2021 (registration deadline is 1 July 2021).

The following conditions apply to this provision:

- a. The student is registered for a Bachelor's programme at another Dutch institute for higher education in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- b. The student submits a 2021/2022 registration request for the WU Master's programme starting on 31 August 2021 (or February 2022, if applicable) using Studielink.
- c. The student is admissible to the WU Master's programme under the condition "Bachelor's degree obtained" based on their previous education.
- d. The student who participates in a Bachelor's programme at a university has obtained at least 150 EC.
A student who participates in a Bachelor's programme at an institute of higher professional education should be in the 4th year of their programme and have at least obtained 30 EC from that year.
- e. The student has submitted an application form for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate (Application form Zachte knip) to the study adviser and has accurately highlighted which Bachelor's components are missing as well as how they plan to complete their Bachelor's programme in the 2021/2022 academic year in addition to taking part in Master's courses (in scope and time planning). On the basis of this explanation, the study adviser will determine if the student is eligible for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate.
- f. The delay was caused by the COVID-19-related measures in education.
- g. The delay was incurred after March 2020.
- h. The student pays tuition fees to WU. They can request a Proof of Payment of Tuition Fees from WU, and in turn receive an exemption for the tuition fees at the other institution of higher education. This only applies to students who are eligible for the statutory tuition fee. Students who are not eligible for the statutory tuition fee will pay WU the applicable institutional tuition fee for their registration in the Master's programme.
- i. The student can only make use of this provision for up to one year. If the student has not yet obtained their Bachelor's certificate by 31 August 2022, then the student cannot re-enrol for the Master's programme at WU for 2022/2023. This date also applies to students who enrolled in February 2022.
- j. Any credits obtained for Master's courses (in 2021/2022) can be used at a later date.

3. Bachelors from EU universities and Institutes of Higher Professional Education (outside NL) -

Registration for WU Master's programme (including NL, EU, and non-EU students)

Student is registered for a Bachelor's programme at an EU university or institute of higher professional education (outside NL). Student intends to transfer to a Master's programme at WU after their Bachelor's programme.

Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate for this group of students means:

The Bachelor's student will be registered as a student at WU for the WU Master's programme of their choice starting on 31 August 2021, even though the student has not yet completed their Bachelor's programme abroad. If the programme at hand allows enrolment in February, the 'zachte knip' may also apply to enrolment by 1/2/2022.

The student will remain registered at the other EU institution of higher education as student for the Bachelor's programme and will have a primary registration in the Netherlands as a student at WU for the Master's programme.

The student will need to re-enrol for the Bachelor's programme at the EU institution for 2021/2022. In addition, the student will submit a request for registration for the Master's programme at WU starting on 31 August 2021 (or 1 February 2022, if applicable).

The following conditions apply to this provision:

- a. The student is registered for a Bachelor's programme at an EU institution of higher education, outside of the Netherlands, in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- b. The student submits a 2021/2022 registration request for the WU Master's programme starting on 31 August 2021 using Studielink (or 1 February 2022, if applicable).
- c. The student is admissible to the WU Master's programme under the condition "Bachelor's degree obtained" based on their previous education.
- d. No more than 30 EC are missing to fulfil the requirements of the Bachelor's degree.
- e. A student who participates in a Bachelor's programme at an institute of higher professional education should be in the 4th year of their programme and have at least obtained 30EC of that year.
- f. The student has submitted an application form for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate (Application form Zachte knip) to the study adviser and has accurately highlighted which Bachelor's components are missing and how they plan to complete their Bachelor's programme in the 2021/2022 academic year in addition to taking part in Master's courses (in scope and time planning). On the basis of this explanation, the study adviser will determine if the student is eligible for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate.
- g. The student will not be exempt from paying the WU tuition fees for 2021/2022; the student will pay WU the applicable tuition fees.
- h. The student can only make use of this provision for up to one year. If the student has not yet obtained their Bachelor's certificate by 31 August 2022, then the student cannot re-enrol for the Master's programme at WU for 2022/2023. Any credits obtained for Master's courses (in 2021/2022) can be used at a later date.

NOTE: A verified copy of the Bachelor's certificate must be submitted to SSC before 1 September 2022.

4. WU Pre-Master's students - Registration as student for the Master's programme

Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate for this group of students means:

The Pre-Master's student will also be registered as a student at WU for the 2021/2022 WU Master's programme of their choice starting on 31 August 2021, even though the student has not yet completed their Pre-Master's programme. If the programme at hand allows enrolment in February, the 'zachte knip' may also apply to enrolment by 1/2/2022.

The following conditions apply to this provision:

- a. The student is registered for a Pre-Master's programme at WU in 2020/2021 and 2021/2022.
- b. The student submits a 2021/2022 registration request for the WU Master's programme starting on 31 August 2021 or - if applicable - 1 February 2022 (preferably using Studielink or alternatively using SIS registration).
- c. The delay was caused by COVID-19-related measures in education.
- d. The delay was incurred after March 2020.
- e. The student has submitted an application form for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate (Application form Zachte knip) to the study adviser and has accurately highlighted which Bachelor's components are missing as well as how they plan to complete their Bachelor's programme in the 2021/2022 academic year in addition to taking part in Master's courses (in scope and time planning). On the basis of this explanation, the study adviser will determine if the student is eligible for Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate.
- f. The student will pay tuition fees for 2021/2022, and will be exempted from the remuneration for the Pre-Master's courses they will need to take in 2021/2022.
- g. The student can only make use of this provision for up to one year. If the student has not yet successfully completed their Pre-Master's courses by 31 August 2022, then the student cannot re-enrol for the Master's programme at WU for 2022/2023.
- h. Any credits obtained for Master's courses (in 2021/2022) can be used at a later date.

5. Bachelor's students from universities and institutes of higher professional education outside the EU

No Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate

6. Pre-Master's student who start a Pre-Master's in 2021/2022

No Master's admission without Bachelor's certificate