**Application Form Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam**

**Application to a Master’s Degree programme for International Degree Holders**

**Instructions:** Please put all the required documents in this format. Read the instructions first, then delete the text and paste the requested document onto the page. When you have finished adding all documents, please save the complete file in .PDF format and upload it in the *Complete Registration* section of [Your personal dashboard](https://vu.nl/nl/dashboard) on vu.nl. Only submit an application file that includes all required documents in this template.

After submitting your application, we will check all documents. If one or more documents are rejected, you will receive a message informing you what to change. Please replace the document(s) and submit a complete application file again.

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| **Details regarding your *previous* or *current* education**  **If you have completed multiple degrees at university level (Bachelor and Master), make sure to mention all of them and number them accordingly.** | |
| **Country of your previous education** |  |
| **Name of the university** |  |
| **Title of the degree(s) in the original language (*Bachelor, License, Laurea, Mestre, etc.*)** |  |
| **Subject of your degree (for example: Business Administration, Biology, History, etc.)** |  |
| **The (expected) date of graduation** |  |
| **Nominal duration of your programme(s) / degree(s) in years (expected number of years to complete your programme)** |  |
| **Total credits within your degree(s)** |  |
| **Is a thesis part of your curriculum?** |  |
| **Your current or final GPA (Grade Point Average)** |  |
| [**English language**](https://vuweb.vu.nl/en/education/more-about/apply-masters-programme) **test results (if not obtained yet, please indicate the expected date of submission)** |  |

**Curriculum Vitae (CV)**

A curriculum vitae that includes your personal details and lists your previous education and relevant work experience. [A Europass CV template](https://europass.cedefop.europa.eu/en/documents/curriculum-vitae/templates-instructions.iehtml) is recommended. However, other formats will be accepted too.

**Statement of Intent (Letter of Motivation)**

A 1-2 page letter stating your reasons for applying to the programme. Also, if applicable, please specify in this letter the name of the specialization you are applying for.

**English language test results**

*Optional document at this stage of the application.*

The deadline to submit your sufficient English test results is 1 June for non-EEA students, and 31 August for EEA students. If you already have valid and sufficient test results from a TOEFL or IELTS test, paste them here. If you have completed a Cambridge test in Advanced English, or Proficiency in English, you can share your results digitally through the Cambridge system. Please note that the required minimum scores differ per programme.

Exceptions to the English Language Proficiency requirement are made if you have completed your academic education in Canada, USA, UK, Ireland, New Zealand or Australia. Students who have completed a degree fully taught in English in the EU/EEA are also exempted from taking an English language test; in this case, please paste proof of this (official university confirmation, or diploma supplement) here.

**2 Letters of recommendation**

2 Letters written by members of the academic staff at the educational institute where you have studied (or are currently studying). Digital copies are preferred. If referents prefer providing their recommendation letters directly to the university, please let them email [your contact person in the international office](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/international-student-advisor). Please ask your referents to include your VU student number in the email (7-digit number).

**Diploma**

*Optional document at this stage of the application.*

Please place a copy of your original Bachelor's diploma issued by your university here. Please include all relevant diplomas if you have multiple Bachelor's and/or Master's diplomas.  
Diploma requirements: If your diploma is not issued in English, German, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese or Latin, please also submit an English translation by a sworn translator.

The deadline for sending us your diploma via postal mail is 31 August. We recommend students to hand in this document well in advance.

**Transcript of records**

Please place a copy of your official transcript of records here, i.e. a transcript in English of the grades obtained during your previous higher education (Bachelor’s and Master’s programme). In case you went on exchange during your programme and the courses and grades are not mentioned on your main transcript, please add the transcript from your exchange university as well.  
If you did not graduate yet, please send us an official transcript listing the grades you have obtained so far. In case you will still complete relevant courses before your graduation, please make sure to include these courses in your course description document (see below).

**Short essay**  
Please provide us with a short essay as proof of academic writing in English: introduce and answer the following research question (maximum 1000 words including references):  
*What are the differences between international crimes and (transnational) organized crime?*