

Frequently Asked Questions

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If you need any forms regarding adjournments or reinstatements please see the [Numerus fixus](#) page.

Pre-education

Physics, Chemistry, Biology and/or Mathematics A or B is not part of my education. Am I still eligible to apply?

You can still apply, but you will have to acquire a certificate in the to ensure that your knowledge is up to par. This can be done via a state exam, [Boswell-Bèta](#) or via [CCVX](#). It is important to note that you do not have to be in possession of this certificate before you are allowed to accept a placement offer for the programme. Learn more about the [admission requirements](#). If it is confirmed that you are missing the correct education, you will be notified of this on 31 January at the latest. However, it is advised that you get the right certificate as soon as possible, before 31 July, as this will ensure your eligibility for the Biology programme. If you did **not** receive your previous education in the Netherlands, and you have questions about your admission and pre-university education, please contact the Admissions Officer via admissionsforbachelors@science.ru.nl.

I cannot meet the pre-education requirements before the deadline of 31 July, what are my options?

If you are not able to meet the pre-university requirements before 31 July, then it is possible to file for adjournment. Contact admissionsforbachelors@science.ru.nl for more information.

Admission and application

What are my chances for the Biology programme at Radboud University?

Biology at Radboud University will admit a fixed maximum number (numerus fixus) of 220 students. Anyone who expects to meet the admission requirements (i.e., diploma and language requirements) before 31 July, and who applies **before 15 January 23:59hr CET** via Studielink, will be allowed to take part in the selection procedure. Please also check the selection criteria. Your chances to obtain one of the 220 available places

depend on your performance in the selection assignments and on the total number of students that are interested to study Biology at Radboud University.

In earlier years, all candidates that completed both assignments have been offered a place in the programme.

Is it possible to apply for multiple selection studies at the same time?

In the Netherlands, it is possible to apply for two programmes with a selection and placement (numerus fixus) procedure at the same time. However, you may only accept one placement-offer. If you get placed at another programme, later, you will have to decline your place for Biology.

I was selected for Biology, but I also applied for another programme with a numerus fixus, however, I haven't been placed there yet. Should I decline my Biology placement offer?

As long as you have not selected for the other programme of your choice, we strongly advise you to accept the Biology placement (please keep in mind: you only have 14 days to accept, so if you receive the email at 9.00 am on day 1 then you will have to accept before 9.00 am on day 14). You can always accept another offer later, though you will have to cancel your acceptance at a later date.

When and how can I register for the Biology selection procedure?

From 1 October up to and including the 15 January (23:59 CET) you can enroll in the selection and placement procedure via Studielink and Osiris Application.

How do I prepare for the selection procedure?

All selection candidates will receive the '[Step-by-step guide Selection Biology Radboud University](#)' shortly after 15 January. This step-by-step guide holds all the necessary information about the selection procedure, the deadlines, the different selection assignments and how to prepare yourself.

Am I allowed to take part in the selection process if I do not comply with all requirements (yet)?

Yes, however, you need to submit your graduation diploma on 31 July the latest, but preferably as soon as possible, or with granted permission (requesting permission includes a form), submit it at a later date (up to 31 August).

When have I used a selection attempt?

A selection attempt will be registered when you have a request to take part actively after the deadline of 15 January. This is also the case when you do not enter the selection procedure afterwards. On the [Studielink](#) website, you will be able to see whether you have used an attempt.

Do I have to verify my identity?

If you have no registered social security number during the Studielink registration, then the Radboud University (Student Services) will contact you to verify your identity, which is done by sending a certified copy of your passport by post. Verify your identity before 31 January, otherwise, you are not allowed to take part in the selection procedure.

I will need a visa and/or need to acquire the correct language requirements to study here. How does this work?

For international students check <https://www.ru.nl/en/students/new-students/international-students/preparation-checklist> for information about visa, arrival and registration, and much more. If you need a visa you must keep in mind that you need to meet the language requirements before 1 June. Otherwise, if you are selected, you cannot start the programme on time.

If your pre-university education is **not** from the Netherlands and you have questions about your admission and pre-university education, please contact the Admissions Officer via admissionsforbachelors@science.ru.nl as soon as possible.

Placement and ranking

Does my ranking number indicate whether I am accepted?

This depends on your number. Applicants with a ranking number of 220 or lower will be automatically offered a starting place mid-April. However, if anyone of these 220 applicants decides to decline or does not accept the offer within exactly 14 days (if you receive the email at 9.00 am on day 1 then you will have to accept before 9.00 am on day 14), the placement will be offered to number 221, and so on until all of the places are filled. Therefore, it might be possible to receive a placement email later on, so we recommend that you regularly check your email.

Is it possible to accept my placement offer and start a year later with the programme?

This is not possible. The placement offer is only valid for the following academic year and must be accepted within exactly 14 days (so if you receive the email at 9.00 am on

day 1 then you will have to accept before 9.00 am on day 14). After this deadline, your place will automatically go to the applicant with the next number in line.

I accepted my placement offer, but I did not graduate, what should I do now?

You need to cancel your application through Studielink. If you do this as soon as possible (before 31 August at the latest), your application will not be considered an attempt in relation to the maximum number of selection attempts.

Is it possible, when admitted, to accept placement for two numerus fixus programmes?

No, this is not allowed. If you have been placed for two numerus fixus programmes you will have to make a choice within exactly 14 days (so if you receive the email at 9.00 am on day 1 then you will have to accept before 9.00 am on day 14) to ensure an actual starting place.