

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS: GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MSc

Global Sustainable Business Management is a joint masters programme run in partnership between Northumbria University (NU) and Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences (AUAS). Information shared in this document is accurate at the time of sharing (15/11/2023).

GENERAL

- **What is a joint masters?**
 - A *joint master's* is a programme that is developed and taught by two universities. In the end you, the student attains a degree from both institutions.
- **How many credits is the programme?**
 - Global Sustainable Business Management equates to 90 European Credits/180 UK Credits, as an 18-month programme.
- **When does the programme start?**
 - The academic year for Global Sustainable Business Management starts in September. There are currently no other intakes (i.e., January, May etc.) for this programme.
- **Are there any events where I can gather more information about the programme?**
 - Please [click here](#) for open days organised by AUAS.

APPLYING FOR GLOBAL SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT MSc

- **How do I apply for the programme?**
 - Applications for Global Sustainable Business Management MSc must be submitted via Studielink, the Dutch higher education application portal. Upon submission of an application, Studielink will send your application to AUAS. You can find a step-by-step guide to applying for [Dutch nationals here](#) and [all other nationalities here](#).
- **What is Studielink?**
 - Studielink is a Dutch national portal in which you register your intent to apply for a programme at a Dutch university. Following submission, your application will be sent to the university you have applied for.
- **What is SIS?**
 - SIS is the Student Information System used by AUAS after you have registered via Studielink and have applied for Global Sustainable Business Management at AUAS. Within a week of applying, you should receive an AUAS ID to access this system, allowing you to review the status of your application and enrolment.

APPLICATION DEADLINES: DUTCH, EU AND EEA NATIONALS

APPLICATION STEP	DEADLINE DATE
Submission of application via Studielink	31 August 2024 – we recommend applying by 01 August
Submission of academic documents/credentials*	
Payment of tuition fees	
Submission of proof of English language proficiency**	

**Dutch/EU/EEA applicants are strongly advised to submit their documents/credentials no later than the beginning of August to have their application evaluated in time to start in September. Evaluation can take up to 6 weeks.*

***Non-native English speakers need to provide an English language certificate that is valid until at least September 2024 however this is a review on an applicant-by-applicant basis and you will be notified if proof of proficiency is required in support of your application*

APPLICATION DEADLINES: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS (NON-DUTCH/EU/EEA)

APPLICATION STEP	DEADLINE DATE
Submission of application via Studielink	01 May 2024
Submission of academic documents/credentials*	01 June 2024
Submission of proof of English language proficiency**	15 June 2024
Submission of immigration financial necessities, including tuition fee payment	22 June 2024
Submission of immigration documents	01 July 2024
Upload of official academic diploma*	

** If you are graduating this academic year then you need to submit a signed copy of your most recent transcript of records and a graduation statement signed by your home university. As soon as you receive your diploma, you need to submit a certified copy of it and notify the Central Student Administration of AUAS. The deadline for uploading your diploma for non-EU students is 01 July.*

***The immigration process deadlines are subject to change. They will be confirmed in April 2024.*

****Students from outside the European Economic Area need to fill out a questionnaire. After you apply for the programme through Studielink, the Admissions Support Team will send you the questionnaire by email and give you a deadline by when you need to fill out the questionnaire. After you have filled out the questionnaire, you might need to take part in an interview. This is not the case for everyone and depends on the situation. You will be informed by email during the admission process if you need to take part in an interview. You are required to fill out the questionnaire and, if applicable, take part in the interview for us to continue processing your application.*

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS AND ADMISSIBILITY

- **What are the entry requirements for this programme?**
 - A full outline of the entry requirements can be found [here](#).



- **Am I admissible for the programme?**
 - The best way to find out if you are admissible is to apply for the programme via Studielink. Then you need to submit the required documents in order for AUAS to process your application. You will receive an email from AUAS stating whether you are admissible or not.
- **Will I need to complete an interview?**
 - Prospective students with an undergraduate degree not in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM), Business or Economics are welcome to apply for Global Sustainable Business Management, but your admission process will include a mandatory interview to assess your suitability for the programme.

SUBMITTING YOUR DOCUMENTS/CREDENTIALS

- **Where and when do I need to submit the required documents?**
 - After you register in Studielink, you will receive an email from the AUAS Central Student Administration within 3 days to setup your AUAS account. Following this you will receive a link to submit your documents via topdesk or SIS.
- **What if I do not have my official diploma yet?**
 - If you are still studying your bachelor's degree, you will be required to upload your most recent transcript of records and your statement of graduation by 01 June. If you are a non-EU student, you will be required to upload your official diploma by 01 July.
- **After I have submitted the required academic documents, how long does the evaluation of my application take? When will I receive a reply?**
 - It takes 2 – 6 weeks for AUAS to evaluate your academic documents. If you submit your academic documents before the deadline, then we guarantee that your application will be taken into consideration. You will receive an update about the status of your application as soon as possible. You can also check the status of your application yourself via the Student Information System

IMMIGRATION AND PROOF OF FINANCIAL MEANS

- **What is the immigration process?**
 - AUAS has an immigration department that will help you step-by-step during the immigration process. The AUAS immigration department will contact you in May and provide more information about the process and the actions you need to take including the deadlines. The AUAS immigration department will apply for a residence permit on your behalf. More general information can be found here.
- **What is proof of financial means?**
 - As part of the immigration process, you need to submit a 'proof of financial means'. The Dutch Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) requires that you have sufficient financial means to cover your stay in the Netherlands. Students who come to AUAS need to show that they have sufficient financial resources. Please see here for more information.



- **Will a government loan be accepted as proof of financial means?**
 - Government funded student loans of any kind are not accepted as proof of financial means.

TUITION FEE COSTS AND PAYING YOUR FEES

- **What are the tuition fees?**
 - The tuition fees for Global Sustainable Business Management will depend on whether you are an EU or International student, and whether you are a current student/Alumni of AUAS or Northumbria. A full breakdown of fees for all customer groups can be found [here](#).
- **How and when do EU applicants pay the tuition fees?**
 - You can pay the tuition fee in Studielink. The payment link will be available in May. It is possible to pay in instalments. The deadline is 31 August. More information can be found [here](#).
- **How and when do non-EU applicants pay the tuition fees?**
 - You will receive instructions to prepare your immigration file and to pay the tuition fee and proof of financial means directly to the AUAS before 22 June. AUAS immigration affairs will send you the procedure e-mail and the AUAS bank account details in May. Unfortunately, we cannot accept payments in instalments. More information can be found [here](#).

ACCOMMODATION AND LIVING IN AMSTERDAM

- **Can Northumbria or AUAS help me with living arrangements in the Netherlands?**
 - Please contact the AUAS International Office at masterqsbm@hva.nl if you would like help with sourcing housing. The AUAS Housing Department can provide accommodation for some international students, but we cannot guarantee anything. The Dutch housing market is tough so the sooner you start searching, the better. You can find tips and advice on finding housing by yourself [here](#).
- **Can I work while studying for this programme?**
 - Global Sustainable Business Management is a full-time programme and is therefore not possible to work full-time alongside studying. You may be able to work part-time. However, if you are a non-EU student, you will need to check the terms and conditions of your visa. Please see more information [here](#)