

Frequently asked questions

Application

What is a decentralized selection?

In decentralised selection, programmes select students based on criteria set by the programme. It is also possible that you have to complete an assignment or test, or that the programme opts for a combination of activities.

What kind of student are we looking for?

First of all, we look at what you can do (your potential) and not at what you have already done in the past. We aim for students to be:

- Analytic, critical and optimistic problem-solvers at the heart of society and have the skills to become an all-round engineer
- Pro-active students who have the courage to think out of the box and communicate their ideas
- Skilled students in communication, collaboration and team work to effectively work together in diverse teams
- Students who master the fundamental knowledge of mathematics and physics
- Disciplined and motivated students who are capable of handling a large amount of self-study
- Students who adhere to and identify with the TU Delft values: Diversity, Integrity, Respect, Engagement, Courage and Trust (DIRECT), as embodied in the TU Delft Code of Conduct.

Can I apply for more numerus fixus programmes?

You can apply for a maximum of two numerus fixus programmes per academic year. This can also be the same programme but at two different educational institutions.

A candidate may participate up to three times in the selection procedure of the bachelor programme Aerospace Engineering. A candidate can only participate once per academic year.

How can I apply?

You can find all the information for application on the Studielink website: [Stappenplan numerus fixus - Studiekeuze123](#)

Can I still apply after January 15th 2025?

Enrolment for the upcoming academic year is only possible through the Dutch national enrolment system Studielink before the 15th of January. After the 15th of January, enrolment for all Numerus Clausus programmes is closed for the upcoming academic year. If you are too late, you have to check whether you can apply at a different university, reconsider the programme of your choice or wait another year. Please note that correct enrolment does not guarantee a spot, this is dependent on how well you do in comparison to the other applicants in the Selection procedure.

Am I admitted if I receive a (conditional) offer in Studielink?

After completion of the selection procedure, the placement procedure will start. This will be done via Studielink. You will receive your ranking number via Studielink on the 15th of April 2025. Depending on your ranking number and the number of places available, you may or may not be offered a place in our bachelor programme. If you are offered a place, you have to accept this place via Studielink within two weeks. If you do not accept your place within two weeks, your place will automatically be assigned to the next available ranking number.

I am already studying Aerospace Engineering at another university. Can I transfer to TU Delft?

No, TU Delft does not accept transfer students. If you would like to pursue the BSc Aerospace Engineering at TU Delft, you will need to apply for our programme and participate in our selection procedure. Candidates will always need to start in the first year. Alternatively, a student can complete a BSc programme elsewhere and apply for our MSc programme afterwards if the right conditions are met. We also offer exchange opportunities. For more information about exchange programmes, please contact exchange-ae@tudelft.nl.

Practical information

I am dyslexic/have another learning disability. Am I allowed extra time for the test?

If you are diagnosed with dyslexia or another learning disability, you can apply for extended examination time by sending an email request to selectie-esa@tudelft.nl. Requests must be accompanied by official medical documentation in Dutch or English and must be filed no later than January 31st 2025.

Your request must contain the following information:

- Reason for applying for extra time.
- Your full name and TU Delft student number.
- ‘Extension of exam time – selection procedure AE’ as subject of your email.
- A digital scan attached of your official medical statement bearing your diagnosis.

The medical statement must meet the following requirements:

Dyslexia

- Your dyslexia statement must meet the criteria of the Dyslexia Foundation of the Netherlands (SDN) and has to be dated and signed by a recognized body
- You have to supply a (official) translation in English or Dutch.

Other disability

- Your medical document must be signed and dated by a recognized body, for example a doctor, physician, psychologist or psychiatrist;
- Your medical document must contain information which confirms your disability and the structural nature;
- You have to supply a (official) translation in English or Dutch.

Please make sure to complete these steps before January 31st 2025, to ensure that your request is handled in time for the start of the Selection Exam. For questions about the required documents you can contact selectie-esa@tudelft.nl. Official confirmation of the allocation of additional time for the Selection Exam will be sent to you by the BSc Aerospace Engineering Selection Committee (selection-ae@tudelft.nl) before February 28th 2025.

If I am offered a place, can I keep it for next year?

The obtained ranking number is only valid during the selection and admission procedure preceding that specific academic year. It is not possible to use obtained ranking numbers for later academic years.

I cannot attend the Selection Exam on the day of the Selection Exam. Can I still participate in the Selection Exam on another day?

No, there is only one day where all candidates you can attend the Selection Exam at the same day. In this way, we make sure it is as fair as possible for each candidate and we limit the chances of fraud.

Selection Procedure

Do I still have a chance of being offered a place if my ranking number is around 500?

This will depend on the amount of students that do not accept their placement offer. To give an estimate, the highest offered ranking number in the selection procedure for academic year 2024-2025 was 549.

Why no personal interview or motivation letter to express our motivation?

We have around 3.000 prospective students that will participate in our selection procedure, and we unfortunately do not have the facilities and staff to provide personal interviews or review personal motivation letters from prospective students of such a large group.

Why are we not allowed to use our own physical calculator during the Selection Exam?

A physical calculator is not possible due to the proctoring. The NOA template does not provide build-in calculators. If you are not familiar with the functionality of the digital calculator app on your computer, we advise you to explore and practice beforehand.

What can I do to increase my chance of being admitted to the selection procedure?

There is no way to improve your chances of being selected. The admission requirements and the participation in the selection procedure are two different processes. Participating in the selection procedure (or receiving a ranking number) does not automatically mean that a candidate meets the stated prerequisites for admission. Verifying entry requirements, such as prior education, is outside the scope of the selection procedure. All prospective students have an equal chance of being successful in the selection procedure. Extracurricular activities will not increase your chances during the selection procedure.

When will I be informed of the results?

If you have properly participated in the entire selection procedure, you will receive your results for the Academic Aptitude and Selection Exam before you will receive your ranking number.