

Selection and Placement: Nanobiology 2023-2024

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

What are the admission requirements for Nanobiology?

To be admitted to the Nanobiology BSc programme, you will need to have either:

- A Dutch pre-university (VWO) diploma with NT profile with Biology *or*
- A Dutch pre-university (VWO) diploma with NG profile with Mathematics B (Wiskunde B) and Physics
- A secondary school diploma considered equivalent to the Dutch pre-university diploma (VWO). Please check the [Admission requirements](#) for Nanobiology.

I have a VWO diploma with an old profile, can I still apply?

Please check the [Admission requirements for pre-university \(VWO\) certificates \(profiles up to 2009\)](#).

I have a diploma from a non-Dutch secondary school. How can I find out whether I meet the application requirements?

Please check [Admissions and applications](#) for further information regarding non-Dutch diplomas.

Am I allowed to start in the second year of Nanobiology via another BSc programme?

No, the design and curriculum of the Nanobiology programme do not allow you to start in the second or third year via another BSc programme.

2. DEFICIENCIES

How can I eliminate deficiencies in my VWO course profile?

There are a number of institutes at which you can complete courses that will eliminate your deficiencies in Mathematics B (Wiskunde B), Physics, Chemistry or Biology, such as Boswell-Beta.

Please see [Eliminating deficiencies](#) for further information.

Is a CCVX exam sufficient?

Yes, taking a [CCVX exam](#) (*staatsexamen*) is one way to eliminate any possible deficiencies.

By what date will I have to eliminate any deficiencies?

If you receive a letter of acceptance (*bewijs van toelating*), you will need to meet all of the admission requirements by 15 July.



3. ENROLMENT AND DE-ENROLMENT

Will I need to apply to two universities if I want to enrol in Nanobiology?

The Nanobiology programme is a joint degree programme. This means that you should apply to one university and you will be automatically enrolled at both. You must apply for the programme at TU Delft via Studielink by 15 January at the latest. TU Delft will arrange your enrolment at Erasmus University Rotterdam; you do not need to do this yourself. Please note that the Nanobiology joint degree at both universities counts as only one numerus clausus programme.

When does registration for the selection procedure count as participation?

You use one participation opportunity:

- If you submit an active request for enrolment by 15 January and complete the entire selection procedure.
- If you submit an active request for enrolment by 15 January but withdraw after 15 January, or if you do not participate in part of the selection procedure.

You also use one participation opportunity if fraud is committed during the selection procedure, or if you fail to verify your personal details in time.

You do not use a participation opportunity if you withdraw your registration by 15 January and if you do not participate in the selection procedure.

I applied for Nanobiology but I would like to change my enrolment to a programme without a numerus clausus. What should I do?

You can change your registration to another Bachelor's programme (without a numerus clausus) through [Studielink](#) before 1 May.

I would like to apply for two different programmes that both have a numerus clausus. Is this possible?

Yes, you are allowed to apply for a maximum of two programmes that have a numerus clausus per academic year.

My first preference is for Medicine (Geneeskunde), but I would like to study Nanobiology if I do not get a place in Medicine. Is that possible?

You are allowed to apply for a maximum of two programmes that have a numerus clausus. Depending on the programme(s) for which you are selected and offered a place, you will be able to enrol. If you are accepted to both programmes, you will be able to choose.

Unfortunately, I have not been accepted. I have now applied for another programme. How can I cancel my application for Nanobiology?

You can cancel your application in [Studielink](#): log on to Studielink and select 'My Study Programme' from the menu. Click on the 'Delete' button and then choose 'Withdraw enrolment application' to cancel your application. Please note: cancel your enrolment for Nanobiology at TU Delft only. You will be automatically de-enrolled from Erasmus University Rotterdam.



4. SELECTION PROCEDURE

What is the maximum number of students that can be admitted?

For the 2023-2024 academic year, a fixed quota of 120 new students will be admitted.

Will a lottery be held in addition to the selection procedure?

No, we will only use the selection procedure.

Do I have to participate in the selection procedure?

Yes, everyone has to participate in the selection procedure.

What does the selection procedure entail?

You can find more information about the selection procedure [here](#).

I am not available on the day of the Selection Exam. Could I take the exam on another day?

Only in very special cases (e.g. illness, personal circumstances) an alternative will be offered. The candidate must provide proof of the reason for their absence. The Selection Committee will look at each request and decide whether to offer an alternative.

If you are not able to take the selection exam online, and you think you have a solid reason, you must submit a request for an alternative. This request must include the following:

- Your name, address, telephone number, student number, email address
- Your signature and the date
- The grounds on which you request an alternative (enclose or attach a copy of proof)

Please send this request to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl by February 10th at the latest.

When will I be informed of the results?

If you have participated in the whole selection procedure (online questionnaire, preparatory tests and selection exam) you will receive your final ranking number on April 15th through Studielink.

What are my chances of being accepted?

This depends on various factors, which means that we are unable to comment on this.

How can I prepare for the selection procedure?

It is not possible to prepare for the online questionnaire. For the selection exam, you will be sent study material beforehand, which you should read in preparation. The selection procedure focuses on your reasons for applying and having the right qualities to become a good nanobiologist.

Am I allowed to use any special facilities?

Sufficient time has been allotted to take the selection exam. If needed, reasonable facilities can be provided to candidates with a disability, e.g. dyslexia (as referred to in the Higher Education and Research Act, WHW). For the other part of the selection procedure, no special facilities will be needed. Special facilities can be requested by email to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl before February 10th, 2023.



What kind of students are we looking for?

As a Nanobiology student, you have an inquiring, inquisitive mindset and a strong interest in mathematics, physics and biology. You want to contribute to ground-breaking research in the near future and you are willing to work hard to reach that goal. If you recognise the following characteristics in yourself, then the Bachelor's in Nanobiology is the programme for you!

- You have a high aptitude for mathematics, physics and biology
- You are a team player
- You have a good grasp of English
- You would enjoy exploring a new area at the interface of biology, mathematics, physics and technology
- You have curiosity about intracellular processes
- You have a desire to contribute to Biomedicine
- You are not afraid of a challenge

How can I improve my chances of being selected?

There is no way to improve your chances of being selected. We are looking for students who have the potential to become skilled and professional nanobiologists. The selection procedure allows us to gauge whether you have this potential. The key thing is to be motivated and to have the right basic knowledge and skills.

In the past, I was not accepted by another programme with a selection procedure or central lottery system (*centrale loting*). Am I still allowed to register for the Nanobiology selection procedure?

Yes, if you have not used all your attempts, you are allowed to participate in the Nanobiology selection procedure. In total, you can participate in a selection procedure a maximum of two times (per academic year).

5. GRADES

Are my final school grades taken into account in the selection procedure?

Your predicted or received final grades or grades from 5 VWO, or your most recently obtained grades, only play a minor role in the whole selection procedure.

I have a GPA of 8 for my final school grades. Will I be admitted automatically?

No, candidates will not be admitted automatically.

6. I HAVE A RANKING NUMBER BETWEEN 1 AND 120

If I have a ranking number less than 120, will I definitely be accepted?

No, having a ranking number less than 120 does not guarantee that you will be accepted. Studielink will inform you as to whether or not you have officially been accepted into the Nanobiology BSc programme.

7. I HAVE NOT BEEN SELECTED

I was not selected for the Nanobiology programme this year. Am I allowed to register again for the Nanobiology selection procedure for the next academic year?

Yes, you are allowed to participate in the Nanobiology selection procedure a maximum of two times.



I do not agree with my final ranking number and wish to object. What should I do?

If you wish to object to a decision, you must submit a letter of objection within a period of six weeks after 15 April and send it to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl. A letter of objection must include the following:

- Your name, address, telephone number, student number, email address
- Your signature and the date
- A description of the decision to which the objection is being made (enclose or attach a copy of the decision)
- The grounds on which you wish to object (arguments as to why the decision was not the correct one)

What programme should I choose now to improve my chances for next year?

There is no other programme that can help to improve your chances of being selected for Nanobiology.

8. I HAVE A QUESTION THAT IS NOT COVERED ABOVE

Please see the website <https://www.studiekeuze123.nl/selectie> (Dutch only). This site offers a lot of detailed information about the numerus clausus and also has a FAQ page, <https://www.studiekeuze123.nl/veelgestelde-vragen-over-selectie>

Please send all other questions about the Nanobiology selection procedure to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl.

For all other questions regarding the Nanobiology programme, e.g. about the curriculum and the admission requirements, please visit [our website](#) or send an email to info-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl

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