Selection and Placement: Nanobiology 2019-2020
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 pre-university (VWO) diploma with NT profile with Biology or
- A pre-university (VWO) diploma with NG profile with Mathematics B (Wiskunde B) and Physics

Please also check the webpage on 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 2019.
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 2019 and complete the entire selection procedure.
- If you submit an active request for enrolment by 15 January 2019 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 2019 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 2019.

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 2019-2020 academic year, a fixed quota of 100 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.

Do I have to be physically present during the Selection Day?
Candidates living in the Netherlands/Belgium: Yes. You can complete the online questionnaire from home, of course, but you should be physically present to take the online exam on Saturday, 16 February.
Candidates living outside the Netherlands/Belgium: No. Both the online questionnaire and the Selection Day exam can be completed from home.
If you live outside the Netherlands/Belgium but wish to be present at the Selection Day in Delft, please inform us by sending an email to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl. We would like to emphasise that every candidate must complete the same online exam, independent of the location.

I am not available on the Selection Day. Could I take the test on another day?
Only in very special cases (illness, personal circumstances) will an alternative 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 attend the Selection Day 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 16 February at the latest.

When will I be informed of the results?
If you have participated in the whole selection procedure (online questionnaire and Selection Day) you will receive your final ranking number in the second half of April.
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 Day, 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.

I have dyslexia. Am I allowed to use any special facilities?
Sufficient time has been allotted to take the test during the Selection Day. If needed, reasonable facilities can be provided during the Selection Day 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. We will inform candidates how special facilities can be requested.

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 want to make a difference to the future of 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 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 100
If I have a ranking number less than 100, will I definitely be accepted?
No, having a ranking number less than 100 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 2020-2021 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 2019. A letter of objection must include the following:
- Your name, address, telephone number, student number, email address
- Your signature
- 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)

Please send this letter of objection to Selection-BSc-NB@tudelft.nl.

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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