

## Master in Visual Arts (International programme) 2023-2024

### Application requirements:

#### Diploma requirements:

- A certified **Bachelor's diploma** (same study field and specialization) is required in order to apply for a (Pre-)Master's degree programme.
- Depending on your skills you might need to first enrol in a **Pre-Master Programme**, after which you can start your **Master Programme**.

#### Language requirements:

- The required level of English to study is level B2 of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR).

### APPLICATION DEADLINES

- Non-EEA-students, especially those who are not holding a valid residence permit for Belgium/Schengen countries: **31 MAY 2023**
- Non-EEA-students with a valid residence permit for Belgium; EEA-students, Belgian students with an international diploma, students with a diploma from the French Community: **30 JUNE 2023**

### Application: step by step

#### Procedure

1. If you want to enroll in our International (Pre-)Master in Visual Arts you must apply online by completing the **digital application form** and uploading the requested documents (STEP 1).
2. The PXL MAD School of Arts Admissions committee will screen your Admissions application in order to determine if you meet the required diploma and language requirements to start the chosen (Pre-) Master programme. If the diploma and language requirements are fulfilled and your motivation letter has been approved, you will be invited for an (online) interview (STEP 2).
3. The **interview** will take place on campus or online (depending on your preferences) with 2 professors of the Master's programme in Visual Arts relevant to your study choice. (STEP 3).
4. After the interview The PXL MAD School of Arts Admissions committee will decide upon the final acceptance of your application. You will be informed via email. (STEP 4)
5. Upon acceptance of your application, you can finalize your enrolment. (STEP 5)

## **Step 1. Application**

- Complete the Application Form for the (Pre-)Master Programme  
[https://apps.pxl.be/forms/mad\\_MasterVisualArts](https://apps.pxl.be/forms/mad_MasterVisualArts)

The following documents are mandatory to be submitted:

1. A copy of your identity card, international passport or proof of registration in the register of foreigners.
2. A certified copy of your Bachelor (Undergraduate) diploma.
3. A translation of your diploma by a certified translator to Dutch, French, German or English.
4. A transcript of records of your previous studies (with detailed contents, study credits and scores per academic year and per course), translated in Dutch, French, German or English.  
If you are still preparing for an exam at the time of application, you need to send the final results as soon as they are available.
5. A certificate to prove that the presented diploma gives access to a university. You can find an example of this document below.
6. A certificate that you obtained the required level of English to study (level B2) of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR):  
This can be proved in various ways such as:
  - a diploma of higher education obtained at an institute of higher education in one of the inner circle countries (United Kingdom, USA, New Zealand, Australia, English-speaking Canada, Ireland, Caribbean Islands, South Africa)
  - TOEFL paper-based test (PBT): minimum score 550
  - TOEFL computer-based test (CBT): minimum score 213
  - TOEFL internet-based test (iBT): minimum score 79
  - IELTS: 6.5
  - TOEIC Listening 490 + Reading 455 + Speaking 200 + Writing 200
  - ITACE test level B2 (only for applicants who are already residing in Belgium)
  - Students who have obtained a diploma of Secondary or Higher Education in Flanders or the Netherlands, can upload a copy of the Flemish or Dutch diploma when the application form asks for a language certificate. A language certificate is not mandatory but can be submitted optionally.
  - Cambridge English Exams:
    - Certificate in Advanced English (CAE): grade A, B or C
    - Certificate of Proficiency in English (CPE): minimum score 176
    - First Certificate in English (FCE): minimum score 179
7. Your portfolio. A compilation (pdf) of maximum 20 images of representative artistic activities.
8. An upload of your Bachelor's (Master's) thesis. This is a reflective research report of your Bachelor (Master) project.
9. A letter of motivation including a proposal for Master project (max. 800 words).

## **Step 2. Feedback on the digital application**

You will receive feedback from PXL-MAD School of Arts within 14 working days.

Please bear in mind that our offices will be closed from July 12<sup>th</sup> till August 16<sup>th</sup>. Applications within this period will receive feedback before August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Step 3. An interview**

The **interview** will take place on campus or online (depending on your preferences) with at least 2 professors of the selected Master's programme in Visual Arts. You will be asked to present your artistic portfolio, your motivation and your proposal of Masterproject.

#### **Step 4. Decision**

As soon as a decision has been taken concerning your application, you will be informed via email.

- In case of admission, you will receive information to finalize your enrolment.
- In case of a rejection, you will be informed via email.

#### **Step 5. Enrolment**

Upon acceptance of your application, you need to finalize your enrolment. For this you need to make an (online) appointment with the student affairs office: [studievoortgang@pxl.be](mailto:studievoortgang@pxl.be)

**! For applicants outside of EU, please be mindful of administrative delays with VISAS and other administrative documents!**

#### **Residence Requirements**

Students with a foreign nationality and who successfully are admitted to study in PXL-MAD, may need the following documents when moving to Belgium: a visa/entry document and a residence permit.

**Which specific documents you need, and how to apply for them, depends on your situation.** Non-EEA nationals will need to follow different procedures depending on the length of stay when they arrive in Belgium. EEA nationals and Swiss nationals do not need a visa to enter Belgium.

Upon arrival in Belgium, you will have to complete your enrolment as a student. For an enrolment at PXL-MAD School of Arts it is obligatory that non-EEA students hold a valid visa/entry document or a (Belgian) residence permit. Are you a EEA citizen? In that case your identity card or passport is sufficient.

It will also be mandatory for EEA and non-EEA students to register at the town or city hall of their place of residence in Belgium, as soon as possible. The registration procedure is different for EEA nationals and Swiss nationals and non-EEA nationals, as non-EEA nationals will have to get a residence permit as legal residence document in Belgium.

For further information regarding resident documents, please contact the city hall:

For further information, please contact international coordinator:

Josefine Mass [josefine.mass@pxl.be](mailto:josefine.mass@pxl.be)

Good luck with your application!

The academic staff of PXL-MAD School of Arts



**Certificate attesting the equivalence of a foreign diploma for the purpose of access to a master's programme at a Belgian University (University college)**

I, the undersigned

Prof. Dr. Mr. Ms(name):

**Title/Function:**

At Secondary School  University Institute of Higher Education Embassy

**Name and address of institution :**

**Hereby declare that the diploma awarded to**

**Name:**

Nationality:

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):

Address:

Title of diploma Awarded:

**By the following institute of secondary education higher education (non-university) higher education (university)**

**Name and address of institution:**

**Allows access to university studies or to participation in the entrance exam to university studies in the country in which the diploma was awarded.**

Date (dd/mm/yy):

Signature + seal of institution

More information: Dienst studievoortgang (+ 32 11 77 58 02) [studievoortgang@pxl.be](mailto:studievoortgang@pxl.be)