Admission procedure 2027-2028

Admission procedure Master Innovative Textile Development

We prepare and train students to develop innovative and sustainable textile solutions, taking into account the societal and social context in which the product is developed. We prepare students for new exciting innovative professions of the future.

Innovations and sustainable solutions flourish in an inspiring environment and when different disciplines work together.

For the Master in Innovative Textile Development (ITD) we are looking for students with drive, self-reflection, a talent for innovation and a passion for textile materials. We not only work with a set of minimum educational requirements but also select students based on their motivation and creative, self-reflective and entrepreneurial capabilities.

Admission requirements

For students starting their master ITD in the 2027-2028 academic year, all teaching will be done in English. Therefore, all students must have a level of proficiency in English equivalent to at least IELTS 6. This is:

- Comparable with an English-language Bachelor of Science.
- Comparable with a degree in F&TT from Saxion or AMFI.

If you have a bachelor's degree in another field, supplemented by the transition course in textiles, you are also warmly welcome to apply. After all, with your knowledge of chemistry, chemical engineering, industrial product design, mechanical engineering, electrical & electronic engineering, mechatronics and suchlike, you are in a prime position to stimulate innovations in the textile industry and achieve crossovers with other sectors.

Students with another diploma than a fashion and/or technical textile bachelor qualify for conditional admission after going through the selection procedure. This means that, upon applying, they will be required to follow a study programme to bring their basic knowledge of textiles to the relevant level. That programme entails a study load of approximately 100 hours. We provide this e-learning programme. The programme consists of various modules that are completed with a digital test. Although these are diagnostic assessments, they are nevertheless compulsory. Students are obliged to put in the necessary effort; completion of these tests is a condition for admission to the master's programme.

Transition course in textiles

The transition course, for students with a Bachelor of Science in another field, amounts to a study load of approximately 100 hours and comprises a theoretical part and a practical part. You learn the theory at home, during an e-learning programme. The programme consists of various modules that are completed with digital tests. Although these are diagnostic assessments, they are nevertheless compulsory. Students are obliged to put in the necessary effort; completion of these tests is a condition for admission to the master programme. The practical part comprises a 1-day programme in our chemical and mechanical laboratory and our textiles studio. This particular practical session is held in Week 0, which is the week before the master study programme gets underway and is mandatory for all students. Also for students who didn't follow this e-learning course.

Selection procedure

We select students based on the following criteria:

- Interest and knowledge of the subject: Demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of textile materials and show that you are keen to develop deeper into this topic.
- Capacity for creativity and innovation: After your application you will receive an innovation case from us. Use the case provided to demonstrate your talent for innovation and creativity.
- Capacity for and interest in research: Demonstrate your interest in and capacity for research. You may use the innovation case or any previously done research work to demonstrate this. Research capabilities are an important element, required to successfully complete project modules and master thesis towards the end of the master.
- Communication and entrepreneurial skills: Your interview with the admission committee includes an elevator pitch about your ideas stemming from the innovation case. You can demonstrate by specific examples whether you are a team player.

We can admit a maximum of 24 students to start in September 2027.

Procedure

1. You can apply on Studielink (more information on https://www.saxion.edu/
2. You will receive an email to submit the following information in studielink/START:
    a. Portfolio
    b. CV
    c. Motivation letter: Reflect critically on your portfolio and be clear about what you want to focus on during the master in order to achieve your goals.
    d. Innovation case: In the innovation case you will be asked to propose an improvement or solution for the fibre/textile-based product/process/application/ market segment. You must submit a visual representation of your improvement or solution.
3. If necessary you will be invited to attend an online interview during which we explore your motivation and assess the chances that you will complete the programme successfully.
4. We will inform you of whether you have been accepted within 1 week after submit ting your innovation case, or in the case we have additional questions, 1 week following the interview.