

### Information Sheet on IB Diploma Recognition in Germany

Students with an International Baccalaureate (IB Diploma) must meet the following requirements in order for their qualification to be considered equivalent to the *Abitur*.

The diploma must be the culmination of at least twelve consecutive years of schooling with fulltime instruction. In addition, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

Among the six examination subjects, students must demonstrate the following:

- Two languages at A or B level (at least one advanced “Language A” or “Language B HL”)
- Natural science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- Mathematics (As of test year 2021: Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches SL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation SL or Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL)
- Social science (History, Geography, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Business and Management, Global Politics)

The sixth compulsory subject, outside of the previously listed subjects, can be one of the following IB-designated subjects:

- Visual Arts (previously Art/Design), Music, Theatre (previously Theatre Arts), Film, Literature and Performance, another modern foreign language, Latin, Classical Greek, General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies (previously Environmental Systems), Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Sports exercise and health science.

One of the three “Higher Level” courses taken must be a natural science or math course.

Each course must be taken at the same level for the two consecutive years of the diploma.

Students must achieve a final result of at least “4.” If one of your course grades is a “3,” then you can supplement that grade with a “5” or higher in another course at the same level. An overall total IB score of at least “24” must be attained.

**Still have questions? Please do not hesitate to contact us!**

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*Link to the full text of the recognition agreement in German:*

[https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/ZAB/Hochschulzugang\\_Beschluesse\\_der\\_KMK/IB\\_Diploma\\_15.pdf](https://www.kmk.org/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/ZAB/Hochschulzugang_Beschluesse_der_KMK/IB_Diploma_15.pdf)

*Link to the IBO’s English translation of the agreement:*

<https://www.ibo.org/contentassets/5895a05412144fe890312bad52b17044/recognition-international-student-guide-germany-17-en.pdf>