

Information Sheet on US High School Diploma Recognition in Germany

Students with an American High School Diploma must meet the following 3 requirements in order for their qualification to be considered equivalent to the *Abitur* and thus be eligible for a German degree:

1) High School Subjects

Successful completion of 16 “academic units” in grades 9-12, specifically:

English	4 units	English IV or Honors or AP English with at least a C
2 nd Language	2 units	
Social Studies	3 units	
Mathematics	2-3 units	Algebra II or Trigonometry (grade 11) and Precalculus (grade 12) with at least a C
Science	2-3 units	In Biology, Chemistry, or Physics with at least a C
Mathematics and Science combined: 5 units		
2 units in any further subject		

2) GPA Requirement

In addition to the above, students must also demonstrate a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.0.

3) Additional Requirement

In addition to the above points 1 and 2, students must also fulfill one of the following qualifications:

- a) Four Advanced Placement (AP) exams in total, with at least a 3 in the following subjects (for students applying to programs in the humanities and social sciences):
 - i) English: AP English Literature or AP Language and Composition
 - ii) 1 foreign language: AP French or AP Spanish or AP German or AP Latin
 - iii) 1 subject in math or natural science: AP Calculus AB or BC or AP Biology or AP Chemistry or 2 half sections of AP Physics C
 - iv) 1 further subject: e.g AP European History, AP American History, AP Computer Science, or two half sections of AP Macroeconomics and Microeconomics

OR

- b) Two years of full-time college-level courses at a higher education institution with the following conditions:
 - i) Five (5) different courses fulfilling general education requirements
 - ii) Among the five courses must be all of the following subjects: English, a foreign language, math, science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)

- iii) Among the five courses must be at least three (3) subjects taken consecutively over three semesters.
- iv) 50% of total credits required for the respective BA must be fulfilled.

OR

- c) Associate Degree in a general-education program with college-level courses with the following conditions:
 - i) Five (5) different courses fulfilling the general education requirements
 - ii) Among the five courses must be all of the following subjects: English, a foreign language, math, science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
 - iii) Among the five courses must be 3 subjects taken consecutively over three semesters

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

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The equivalency of international high school degrees/diplomas to the German Abitur degree is determined by the German Assembly of Ministers of Education – Kulturlministerkonferenz. For the full text of all official requirements, please refer to the original source: anabin.kmk.org (in German).