

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 (of which at least one advanced foreign language as “Language A” or “Language B HL”)
- One natural science (Biology, Chemistry, or Physics)
- Mathematics (Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches or Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation)
- One social science (History, Geography, Economics, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Business and Management, Global Politics)

The sixth compulsory subject may be one of the above or one of the following IB-designated subjects:

- Visual Arts (previously Art/Design), Music, Theatre (previously Theatre Arts), Film, Literature and Performance, an additional 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, Digital Society.

At least one of the three IB subjects taken at “Higher Level” must be either a language subject, Mathematics, or a natural science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics).

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” in the six compulsory subjects. If an IB grade of 3 has been obtained in only one subject, this can be compensated for if a minimum IB grade of 5 in another subject of at least the same level of difficulty and a minimum total of 24 points have been obtained.

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/zab/fileadmin/Dateien/pdf/ZAB/Hochschulzugang_Beschluesse_der_KMK/aktuell/283_Vereinb_Anerkenn_Int_Baccalaureate_Diploma-2023-06-15_Liste1_2026-03-26_Liste2-2024-11-19.pdf

Link to the unofficial English translation of the agreement:

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