

# The IB Diploma and universities in Germany

Your IB Diploma qualifies you to study at top universities worldwide and is recognized as equivalent to the Abitur in Germany, which allows you to also study at German universities. However, each foreign school diploma needs to be checked by the German Zulassungsstelle and they need to confirm that your IB Diploma fulfils the additional requirements defined by the Kultusministerkonferenz as well.

According to the latest version of the resolution of the German Kultusministerkonferenz (“Vereinbarung über die Anerkennung des ‘International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International’”, revised November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020) your IB Diploma will only be recognized as equivalent to the German Abitur and thus allow you to study in Germany if:

- you have completed **12 years of full-time schooling** including DP1 and DP2
- you have chosen **2 languages on an A or B level**. You need at least one continued foreign language as “Language A” or “Language B HL”.  
A language “ab initio” does not qualify you for studying at German universities!
- you have chosen at least **1 Science** subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- you have chosen **Mathematics** as a subject. **Mathematics SL is only recognized for students who complete their Mathematics exams in the 2020 exam sessions**. All students with exam sessions starting in 2021 or later must choose *Mathematics: Analysis and Approaches HL* or *Mathematics: Applications and Interpretation HL* to be able to study a subject related to Mathematics, Science or Technology at a German university and receive an IB Diploma that is fully equivalent to the German Abitur.  
**NEW FROM JANUARY 2021 ON:** If students (from Exam session 2021 onwards) decide to take **Mathematics on SL**, they must attend an additional 16 hours course on vectors and pass a school-internal test in order to receive an IB Diploma that will be seen as equivalent to the German Abitur and thus allows access to all universities and subjects. The school will provide this additional course during the DP2 welcome week and all SL students must attend and pass this course.
- you have chosen **1 Individuals and Societies** subject (History, Geography, Economics, Psychology, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Business and Management, Global Politics)
- you have **chosen a 6<sup>th</sup> subject from the above mentioned subjects**, a subject from group 6 (Visual Arts, Music, Theatre, **Film**, Literature and Performance) or from the following other IB subjects: a further foreign modern language, Latin, Classical Greek, General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems and Societies, Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Sports exercise and health science.
- at least **one of your 3 HL subjects is either Mathematics or a Science subject** (Biology HL, Chemistry HL, Physics HL)
- you have **attended all your IB subjects in the Diploma Programme continuously for two years**
- you **score at least a grade 4 in all of your IB subjects and a minimum total of 24 points**. If you **have only one grade 3, you can compensate this with a grade 5 in another subject of the same level or higher** (meaning if you have a grade 3 in a HL, you need a 5 in another HL subject and the same for SL subjects. A SL subject can be compensated with a HL subject). **Having more than one grade 3 or even a grade 2 will not allow you to study in Germany.**

## What happens if one or more of these aspects does not match your IB Diploma results?

There are several additional provisions made by the German Kultusministerkonferenz (2020+Jan.2021) to compensate a shortcoming in one or more of the above mentioned regularities. Please read them here: <https://tinyurl.com/yYu6gcv4> and contact our career counsellor for further support.

Note: it is your responsibility as a student to check for specific requirements of the countries you want to study in. Our career counsellor will support you! Without informing our career counsellor about your future plans in time and attending the career counselling classes on a regular basis, we cannot support you with your applications or advise you regarding your options. It is up to you to take full responsibility for the recognition of your IB Diploma.

## Confirmation

Please read the above-mentioned regulations very thoroughly. Note that the Kultusministerkonferenz updates these regulations from time to time. The school presents and can answer any questions you may have about them in the career counselling lessons, but students and parents must ensure that they inform themselves about any changes regarding specific requirements for studying in Germany on a regular basis. Please be aware that the career counsellor can only assist students with their research and applications if they participate in the regular career counselling lessons and honor the individual appointments that are made with the career counsellor throughout the programme.

The school provides individual consultations regarding the subject choices for each student in the welcome week and helps to find the best subject choice possible.

**We hereby confirm that we have read and understood the above-mentioned requirements of the Kultusministerkonferenz for studying in Germany.**

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