



SUMMARY

INTERNATIONAL BACCALAUREATE DIPLOMA REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO GERMAN UNIVERSITY

An International Baccalaureate Diploma issued at the end of Grade 12 is valid and valued for application to German universities. The IB Diploma is regarded as an equivalent to the prestigious Abitur issued by a German Gymnasium, under the conditions outlined below.

Students considering application to German university are advised to meet with the Diploma Years Coordinator and University and Career Advisor to plan their course selection leading up to and during Grades 11 and 12. Acceptance into German universities, particularly for certain subjects, requires a minimum grade level. Students are advised to research these requirements when planning the application process.

Students must fulfill the standards and conditions set out by the IB for attaining their Diploma. In addition to meeting the requirements of the IB, Diploma students applying to German university must assure that:

- One of the three subjects taken at higher level must be Mathematics or a Natural Science subject such as Biology, Chemistry or Physics. Neither Sport Science nor Math Studies can be used to fulfill science or mathematics requirements (higher or standard level). Sport Science, however, can be used as a sixth subject.
- Students are required to take either two Language A courses or one Language A plus one Language B course (either at higher or standard level). Should the student have their own mother tongue language as Language A, then the Language B course must be higher level.
- Proficiency tests may be required of students who are not German and do not take German as a second language. German IB Diploma holders who have attended schools not providing German courses may also be asked to take a proficiency test.
- Self-taught languages or online courses are not accepted.
- All subjects must have been taken over the course of the 2-year Diploma Programme.
- Candidates must earn a minimum IB Grade of 4 in the six compulsory subjects. Where an IB grade of 3 is awarded in one subject only, it is possible to compensate for this if another subject taken at the same level has been awarded at least an IB Grade 5, and an aggregate of 24 points has been attained.
- IB Certificates and the BIS High School Diploma are not accepted for application to German university.

A copy of the “Vereinbarung über die Anerkennung des International Baccalaureate Diploma” and its English translation can be found under <https://www.bonn-is.de/learning/qualifications>. This document outlines in detail course requirements and conversion of grades from the IB Diploma into German grades.

