

Eligibility for university studies in Germany for holders of a *International Baccalaureate Diploma*

To study at a university in Germany you need to be eligible according to German law. If you do not hold a German "Abitur" you have to fulfil certain requirements determined by the authorities. This process is not under the responsibility of Frankfurt School. We will, however, guide you through the necessary steps.

Holders of an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) are eligible if they fulfill the following criteria:

1) You need to have at least 12 years of progressive full-time schooling.

2) Among the six IB examination subjects are:

- two languages on level A or B, of which one needs to have been taken continuously as "Language A" (from 2013: "Language A: Language and Literature" or Language A: Literature) or "Language B HL"); the first language has to be the mother tongue; the second language must be a continued language from the previous school; a language "ab initio" is not recognized as a full language
- one of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics
- one of the following: Mathematical Methods, Mathematics SL, Mathematics HL or Further Mathematics in combination with Mathematics HL (Math. Studies is not recognized)
- one of the following: History, Geography, Economics, Philosophy, Social Anthropology, Business and Management, Global Politics

3) The sixth examination subject may be one of the above or:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any other modern language • any other language "ab initio" • Applied Chemistry • Classical Greek • Computer Science • Design Technology • Environmental Systems and Societies • Film • World Religions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Chemistry • Latin • Literature and Performance • Music • Psychology • Theatre • Visual Arts • Sports exercise and health science |
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4) One of the three subjects studied at higher level has to be Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

5) All subjects have to have been studied continuously throughout the Diploma Programme on the same level (standard or higher). Students need to have at least grade 4 (satisfactory) in each of the six subjects. If only one of those subjects is graded with 3, students may compensate by having one other subject graded with at least 5.

6) Classes must have taken place in all subjects in classroom teaching. Only the mother tongue may have been taught in online lessons if the school does not offer this language as a face-to-face lesson.

If you fulfil these requirements you are eligible to study at a German university. However, the authorities still need to recognize your IB diploma by submitting certified copies of certain documents. Please contact our student advisory office as early as possible to ensure enough time for the process.