

Studying in Germany

Education in Germany is not centrally coordinated. There are 16 federal states in Germany. Each state has its own state government and higher education laws. Universities in Germany are largely self-regulatory. That's why it's important to ask which particular regulations apply at your chosen university.

The IB Diploma is recognized for university entrance in Germany, provided certain additional conditions are fulfilled. These are outlined in the document below:

Agreement on the recognition of the "International Baccalaureate Diploma" (Resolution of the Conference of Ministers of Education of 10.03.1986, as amended on 31.05.2012)

1. An International Baccalaureate Diploma/ shall be recognized as valid for university admission, if it has been obtained after attending at least twelve years of full-time education, and if the following requirements are met:

- The six examination subjects taken for the "International Baccalaureate Diploma must conform to IB conditions: two languages at A or B level (one of which at least must be a foreign language studied uninterruptedly as "Language A" or "Language B HL"), one natural science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics), Mathematics and one social science subject (History, Geography, Economics). The sixth compulsory subject may be one of the above or one of the following subjects recognized by the IB: Art/Design, Music, Theatre Arts, Film, Literature and Performance, another modern foreign language; Latin, Classical Greek, General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems, Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Philosophy, Psychology, Social Anthropology, Business and Organization.

- One of the three subjects to be taken at higher level for the "International Baccalaureate" Diploma must be Mathematics or a Natural Science subject such as Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- All subjects must have been taken uninterruptedly up to the end of the school career.
- Candidates must earn a minimum IB Grade of 4 on 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.
- German diploma holders, who have attended a school abroad not providing German courses, must supply proof of competence in German before being accepted for higher studies; such details are defined by the regulations in force in the relevant Federal State.

2. In the event of failure to comply with the conditions referred to in Section 1, recognition of entitlement to university entrance shall be conditional on passing an additional examination in accordance with the "Rahmenvorschrift für den Hochschulzugang mit ausländischen Bildungsnachweisen, für die Ausbildung an den Studienkollegs und für die Feststellungsprüfung" (Resolution of the Conference of Ministers of Education of the 15.04.1994 in its amended form).

Recognition as university entrance qualification could also be obtained by one successful university year in a country whose school-leaving certificates are recognized for direct access to German universities or after one successful university year.

All IB students have to go through Uni-assist. Students who want to apply for medical sciences have to go through Hochschulstart.

Useful websites

Arbeits- und Servicestelle für Internationale Studienbewerbungen

<http://www.uni-assist.de/>

Anabin: Information zur Anerkennung ausländischer Bildungsabschlüsse

<http://www.anabin.de/>

Studienkollegs

<http://www.studienkollegs.de/>

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst

<http://www.daad.de/>

https://www.study-in.de/en/plan-your-studies/requirements/university-entrance-qualification_27788.ph

Stiftung für Hochschulzulassung

<http://www.hochschulstart.de/>

Gap year

<http://www.planet-beruf.de/Sinnvoll-ueberbrueck.8.0.html>

<https://www.daad.de/ausland/praktikum/de/>

Stipendien Stipendiendatenbanken des DAAD

Für deutsche Studierende

<http://www.daad.de/ausland/foerderungsmoeglichkeiten/stipendiendatenbank/00658.de.html>

Für ausländische Studierende

<http://www.daad.de/deutschland/foerderung/stipendiendatenbank/00462.de.html>

Hochschulrankings

https://www.tuberlin.de/menue/ueber_die_tu_berlin/profil_geschichte/hochschulrankings/