

DHPS Qualifications and Recognition in Germany

- **DIA Abitur:** Grants full access to all universities and higher education institutions.
- **Realschulabschluss:** Grants access to vocational training programmes.
- **Cambridge AS Qualification / IGCSE:**
Individual recognition as equivalent to the *Realschulabschluss* is required. Once recognised, it grants access to vocational training.
For recognition, the following subjects are usually required: two languages, mathematics, one natural science, and one social science subject – each with a minimum grade of C.
(Source: KMK Recognition Office for Foreign Qualifications)
- **Cambridge A-Level (Direct Access to Universities of Applied Sciences – Subject-Oriented):**
Requires three GCE Advanced Level (A-Level) subjects and one Advanced Subsidiary (AS-Level) subject. The following must be included:
 - One language
 - Mathematics or one natural science (biology, chemistry, or physics)

Subject-specific requirements for different fields of study:

- **Humanities, law, social sciences, economics, arts:** one A-Level subject related to the chosen field of study.
- **For economics and social sciences:** an additional A-Level in mathematics is required.
- **Natural sciences:** two A-Level subjects from mathematics, biology, chemistry or physics.
- **Technical and mathematical courses:** A-Level mathematics and one A-Level from chemistry, physics, biology or computer science.
- **Medical courses:** three A-Level subjects from mathematics, chemistry, physics or biology.

As Economics and Business Studies are not recognised as independent subjects (i.e. they do not count as separate A-Levels), this combination should be avoided when applying to German universities.

Sources:

- <https://anabin.kmk.org/db/schulabschluesse-mit-hochschulzugang>
- www.cambridgeinternational.org

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