

# Instructions for using the anabin database

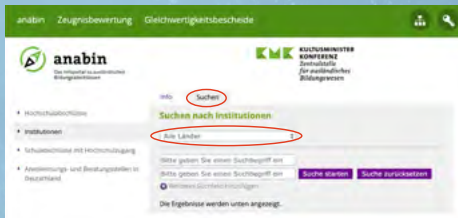
The Central Office for Foreign Education (Zentralstelle für ausländisches Bildungswesen - ZAB) operates the [anabin](#) database, which provides information on the evaluation of foreign educational qualifications and universities. The database is currently available in German. This is how the search in anabin works:

## 1. Search for university (Institutionen)



### Step 1

You can search for your university [here](#). Please click on „Suchen“ (search)



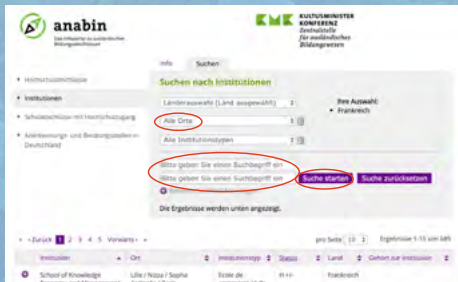
### Step 2

Please select the country in which your university is located and click on „Länderauswahl bestätigen“ (confirm country selection).



### Step 3

After you are shown all universities in the selected country, you can narrow down your search by selecting the „Ort“ (town) in which you obtained your degree. You can also use the search fields. One term or part of a term can be entered per search field. Any number of search fields can be added. Click on „Suchen starten“ (start search) at the end. Alternatively, you can search for your university in the extended list.

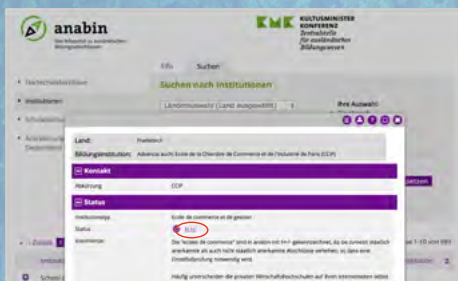
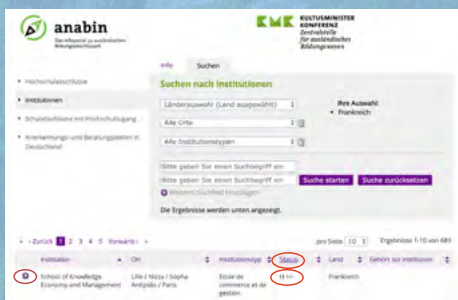


### Step 4

After you have found your university, check the „status“ of your university. To get the complete search results in the detail window, click on the purple icon with the white „+“ sign.

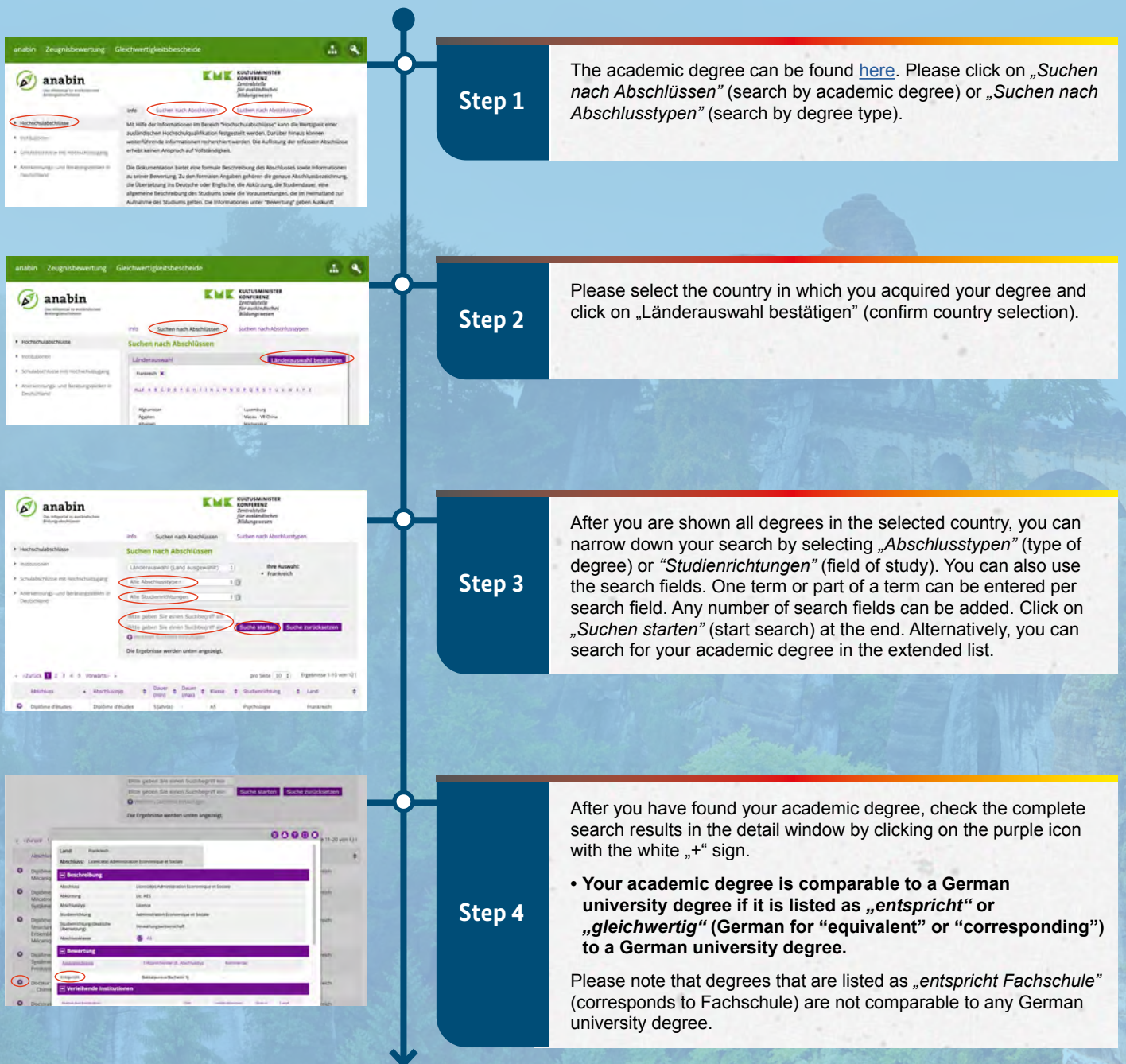
- If it is listed as H +, it means that the university is recognised.
- If it is rated H+/-, it does not necessarily mean that the university is not recognised. In many countries, the recognised universities are marked as H+/- since, for instance, the courses of study must also be recognised.

In any event, you must also search for the relevant academic degree. The search for the academic degree is also necessary for status H+ rated universities, since the degree must also be recognised as „entspricht“ or „gleichwertig“ (German for “equivalent” or “corresponding”) to a German university degree.





## 2. Search for academic degree (Hochschulabschlüsse)



### Remark

- It is necessary to carry out both steps, as it is possible that the academic degree is listed without reference to the university.
- The two print-outs of the positive results for the university and the academic degree can then be used together as proof of equivalency when applying for a visa.
- Not all foreign academic degrees or universities are listed in the anabin database. In certain cases, an individual Statement of Comparability is required.
- If the university in anabin is assessed with the status H+/-, the degree must be listed in the detailed display. Otherwise, an individual Statement of Comparability must also be submitted.
- You can obtain detailed information on Statements of Comparability from the [Central Office for Foreign Education \(ZAB\)](#) (E-Mail: [zabservice@kmk.org](mailto:zabservice@kmk.org))