








Providing proof of secondary and academic qualifications



Would you like to study in Germany? Find out in advance whether your school-leaving certificate suffices for enrolling in a German university.

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Recognition of secondary and academic qualifications

If you would like to study in Germany, you will need a [university entrance qualification](#). You can check the [DAAD database](#)  on [admission requirements](#) to find out if the qualifications from your country of origin are sufficient for enrolment, or if further exams in order to be accepted are necessary. You can use [My GUIDE](#)  to check whether your qualifications are at an adequate level for your preferred courses of study and to create your own list of courses.

German *Abitur* (higher school-leaving certificate)/DIAP

The German *Abitur* or the “German International Abitur” (*Deutsche Internationale Abiturprüfung* – DIAP) provides you with direct access to German universities: your school-leaving certificate is recognised as equivalent in Germany.


You do not have any recognised secondary school qualifications? The preparatory course will help

Even if the qualifications from your country of origin do not meet the requirements of a German university entrance qualification, you still have the opportunity to study in Germany. You may complete a [preparatory course](#) for international students prior to your studies. This course will include language lessons and specific subjects adapted to your preferred course of study. Generally, the course takes approximately one year to complete. If you pass the assessment test, you will receive a subject-related university entrance qualification. You will find more information on the [preparation course](#)  website.



Info box

International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) / Mixed Language International Baccalaureate Diploma (GIB):

You can also study at a German university with the International Baccalaureate. The IB is recognised as a university entrance qualification in Germany if the [requirements of the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs](#) 

of the *Länder* in the Federal Republic of Germany (KMK) are met.

Due to its high amount of German content, the **GIB** entitles students to access universities in Germany without restrictions.

Information on the web

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