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**“International Baccalaureate Diploma/  
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1. An International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International issued in accordance with the regulations of the "International Baccalaureate Organization/Office du Baccalauréat International" shall be recognized as university entrance qualification if it has been obtained after a minimum of twelve years of progressive levels of full-time education, and if the following requirements are met:
  - a) The six examination subjects taken for the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International" (IB) must include the following subjects which according to the IB terminology are referred to as follows:
    - Two languages at level A or B (including at least one a foreign language studied continuously as "Language A"<sup>1</sup> or "Language B HL" <sup>2</sup>),
    - One natural science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics),
    - Mathematics (Mathematical Methods<sup>3</sup> or Mathematics HL or Further Mathematics in combination with Mathematics HL)
    - One social science subject (History, Geography, Economics, Psychology, Philosophy, Social Anthropology and Business and Management).

The sixth compulsory subject may be one of the above, or one of the following subjects which according to the IB terminology are referred to as follows:

- Art/Design<sup>4</sup>, Music, Theatre Arts<sup>5</sup>, Film, Literature and Performance, another modern foreign language, Latin, Classical Greek,
- General Chemistry, Applied Chemistry, Environmental Systems<sup>6</sup>, Computer Science, Design Technology, World Religions, Sports exercise and health science.

<sup>1</sup> From exam session 2013 Language A: Language and Literature or Language A: Literature.

For candidates who are unable to attend classes in their mother tongue, a corresponding school supported self-taught course can be recognized as Language A: Literature SL

<sup>2</sup> Valid from exam session 2013

<sup>3</sup> New name from exam session 2006: Mathematics SL

<sup>4</sup> New name from exam session May 2000: Visual Arts

<sup>5</sup> New name from exam session 2009: Theatre

- b) One of the three subjects to be taken at higher level for the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International" must be Mathematics or a natural science subject such as Biology, Chemistry or Physics.
- c) All subjects must have been taken throughout the "IB Diploma Programme", i.e. for two years continuously.
- d) Candidates must earn a minimum IB grade of 4 in each of the six compulsory subjects<sup>7</sup>. An IB grade of 3 in one subject only can be compensated by a minimum grade of 5 in another subject taken at the same level, and a minimum of 24 points in total.
- e) German diploma holders from a foreign IB school who have not taken German as a subject must provide evidence of their knowledge of the German language before being admitted to a German university. Further details are regulated by the relevant Federal State.
2. If the requirements of paragraph 1 herein are not met, university admission shall be conditional on passing an additional examination in accordance with the "Rahmenordnung für den Hochschulzugang mit ausländischen Bildungsnachweisen, für die Ausbildung an den Studienkollegs und für die Feststellungsprüfung" [General Regulation of University Admission Based on Foreign University Entrance Qualifications Diplomas, for Preparatory Courses and Entrance Exams] (Resolution of the Conference of the Ministers of Education of 15 April 1994, as amended).
- Recognition as subject-restricted university entrance qualification may also be obtained by successful university studies for one year in a country of which school-leaving certificates will be recognized for direct admission to German universities, or after one year of successful university studies.

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<sup>6</sup> New name from exam session 2010: Environmental Systems and Societies

<sup>7</sup> (IB failure grades: 1 = very poor/très faible  
2 = poor/faible,  
3 = mediocre/médiocre  
IB pass grades: 4 = satisfactory/satisfaisant  
5 = good/bon  
6 = very good/très bon,  
7 = excellent/excellent)

3. The average grade of the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International" is calculated in the country in which the diploma is assessed. For this purpose, the following IB-specific regulation in accordance with the "Vereinbarung über die Festsetzung der Gesamtnote bei ausländischen Hochschulzugangsberechtigungen" [Agreement on the Determination of the Overall Grade of Foreign University Entrance Qualifications] (Resolution of the Conference of the Ministers of Education of 15 March 1991, as amended) is taken as the basis.

The average grade (N) is calculated based on the total number of points (P) obtained in the "International Baccalaureate Diploma/Diplôme du Baccalauréat International", the maximum achievable score of 42 points (Pmax) and the minimum of 24 points (Pmin). Any additional points will be included in the calculation. The total number of points between 42 (Pmax) and 45 points (i.e. highest achievable score plus a maximum of 3 additional points) are equated with the German average grade of 1.0.

The conversion is made according to the following formula:

$$N = 1 + 3 \frac{P_{\max} - P}{P_{\max} - P_{\min}}$$

with

N	=	average grade
P	=	total number of points scored as per IB Diploma
Pmax	=	42 points (maximum IB score of 42 points, additional points not including)
Pmin	=	24 points (minimum score)
N	=	1.0 (for $42 \leq P \leq 45$ )

4. The IBO will keep the Conference of the Ministers of Education informed of any changes of the final examination (regarding requirements, contents, or organization) and will give the German School Supervisory Board the opportunity to inspect the schools' work. Where consultation is required, or at the request of a Federal State, the Advisory Board of the Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) will examine whether the conditions for the recognition of the IB still apply.
5. This resolution shall become effective on the date of its adoption by the Conference of Minister of Education.