



## Recognition of Cambridge IGCSE in Germany

General minimum requirements for equivalency to the Realschulabschluss, the Mittlerer Abschluss and the Mittlerer Schulabschluss (Please note: each Federal State might have its own specific requirements):

**5 Cambridge IGCSEs at Grade C or above in the following subjects:**

- Two languages
- Mathematics
- Science (e.g Biology, Chemistry, Physics)
- Social Science (e.g Geography, History, Sociology)

In addition, students must have successfully completed a minimum of 10 years of schooling

German Federal States	Additional Information
<b>Baden-Wuerttemberg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages (English as the language of instruction/mother tongue, and a foreign language, which may be German)</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (History, Geography or Sociology) or, alternatively, one additional science subject (as above)</li> </ul>
<b>Bavaria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (e.g. Physics, Chemistry, Biology)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography, Economics or Business Studies)</li> </ul> <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications.</p>
<b>Berlin</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages (which may or may not include German)</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics - but no qualifications which combine more than one science, e.g. Physical Science)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. History or Geography, but no qualifications which combine several disciplines)</li> </ul> <p>Entry into the Oberstufe (Sixth Form) is dependent on acceptance by the School Head. In some cases, students may be required to take additional admission tests.</p>
<b>Brandenburg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (Economics, Geography or History)</li> </ul> <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications</p>



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<b>Bremen</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography or Environmental Management)</li> </ul>
<b>Hamburg</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Physics, Biology, Chemistry or - with limitations - Computer Science)</li> <li>• One social science subject (Business Studies, Economics, History, Geography or Sociology)</li> </ul> <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three languages</li> <li>• Mathematics or one science subject (as above)</li> <li>• One social science subject (as above)</li> </ul>
<b>Hesse</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined))</li> <li>• One social science subject (Economics, History or Geography)</li> </ul> <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications</p> <p>German is acceptable also for native German speakers.</p> <p>AS Level may be substituted for IGCSE but will not receive higher recognition.</p> <p>Entry into the Oberstufe (Sixth Form) is dependent on acceptance by the School Head. In some cases, students may be required to take additional admissions tests.</p>
<b>Lower Saxony</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Geography or History)</li> <li>• IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications</li> </ul>
<b>Mecklenburg-West Pomerania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages (one of which must be a First Language)</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography, Religious Studies or Sociology)</li> </ul>
<b>North Rhine-Westphalia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Geography or History)</li> </ul> <p>Entry into the Oberstufe (Sixth Form) is dependent on acceptance by the School Head.</p> <p>It is to be clarified in advance which language(s) is/are to be studied at Oberstufe level</p>



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<b>Rhineland-Palatinate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History, Geography or Sociology)</li> </ul> <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Three languages</li> <li>• Mathematics or a science subject (as above)</li> <li>• One social science subject (as above)</li> </ul>
<b>Saarland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages (e.g. First/mother tongue language and foreign/additional language (which may be German))</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Environmental Management, History or Geography)</li> </ul> <p>Entry into the Oberstufe (Sixth Form) is dependent on acceptance by the School Head. In some cases, students may be required to take additional admission tests.</p>
<b>Saxony</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined))</li> <li>• One social science subject (Economics, History or Geography)</li> </ul> <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications.</p> <p>German is acceptable also for native German speakers.</p>
<b>Saxony-Anhalt</b>	<p>Eight subjects are required to be considered equivalent to the Saxony-Anhalt Secondary Level Qualification (Realschulabschluss): First Language, Second Language, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Geography and History</p>
<b>Schleswig-Holstein</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry or Physics)</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History or Geography)</li> </ul>
<b>Thüringia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two languages</li> <li>• Mathematics</li> <li>• One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined))</li> <li>• One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History or Geography)</li> </ul> <p>In addition, at Grade E or above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One creative/technical/vocational subject</li> <li>• One further subject of choice</li> </ul>

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