



# Recognition of Cambridge International AS & A Level and Cambridge Pre-U in Germany

## Recognition of Cambridge International AS & A Level

The Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) of the Standing Conference of German Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) issued the following recommendations regarding International Advanced Levels and meeting entrance requirements for Bachelor (undergraduate) degree programmes at German universities.

The information below outlines the general entrance requirements; there are also subject-specific requirements which differ depending on the chosen field of study.

**General entrance requirements** for Cambridge International AS & A Levels are as follows: a total of four Cambridge International AS and A Level subjects, three of which must be at full A Level standard.

For example:

- Three Cambridge International A Levels  
plus
- One Cambridge International AS Level

The choice of four subjects must include:

- A language

**Please note:** A language at minimum AS Level is a general entrance requirement for study at Bachelor (or undergraduate) degree level. An AS or A Level in Literature may be accepted in lieu; this decision lies with the individual university. In addition, universities may have specific language proficiency requirements (for example, in German) depending on the chosen field of study. If applicants have any questions regarding language requirements, they should check with their chosen Universities to ensure they have the most up-to-date information.

- Mathematics OR a natural science such as biology or chemistry or physics.

Vocational qualifications, such as GCE Applied A Levels or the formerly available Vocational Advanced Levels and Advanced GNVQs, are not accepted.

### Requirements for specific fields of study

- For courses in the humanities, law, social sciences, economics or arts, a suitable A Level for the chosen field of study is required:
  - For the humanities, for example, an A Level in history or geography would be acceptable.
  - For economics or the social sciences, in addition to a relevant A Level subject, an A Level in mathematics is also required.
- For natural science courses, two of the following A Level subjects are required: mathematics, biology, chemistry or physics
- For technical and mathematical courses, an A Level in mathematics is a must as well as one of the following A Level subjects: biology, chemistry, physics, information technology, information and communication technology, or computer science.
- For medicine, three A Level subjects from the following list are expected: mathematics, biology, chemistry or physics.

Please be aware that medical applicants must also possess an appropriate command of the German language. Details of the German language qualifications which are accepted as proof of proficiency can be found on university websites.



### Information

In Germany, A Level Economics and A Level Business Studies are viewed as overlapping subjects. Combining an A Level in Business Studies with an A Level in Economics is best avoided since these subjects will not be accepted as two independent A Levels.

Two GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level courses may be accepted in lieu of one GCE Advanced Level.

### Recognition of Cambridge Pre-U

Recognition of Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects, Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) and the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma in Germany.

The Central Office for Foreign Education (ZAB) also issued recommendations for Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects, Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) and the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma and meeting entrance requirements for Bachelor (undergraduate) degree programmes.

The following equivalencies were agreed upon:

- A Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subject is the equivalent of a GCE Advanced Level
- A Cambridge Pre-U Short Course is the equivalent of a GCE Advanced Subsidiary Level

General entrance requirements for Cambridge Pre-U are therefore as follows:

- Three Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects (or an equivalent combination of A Levels and Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects)  
plus
- One Cambridge Pre-U Short Course (or one AS Level)

#### Cambridge Pre-U Diploma

The Cambridge Pre-U Diploma will be accepted as meeting general entrance requirements for undergraduate courses of study providing all admissions criteria are met.

If the three Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subjects offered as part of the Diploma meet all general admissions criteria then Cambridge Pre-U Global Perspectives and Research (GPR), the core of the Cambridge Pre-U Diploma, will be accepted in lieu of the required Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level subject.

- Global Perspectives and Research (GPR) as a stand-alone qualification will not be accepted in lieu of a Cambridge Pre-U Principal Subject.



#### Information

German universities are autonomous so have the right to set their own entrance requirements.

If students have any questions regarding entrance requirements, they should check with their chosen institutions before submitting an application.

**Learn more!** Full details of all entrance requirements for Cambridge International AS & A Levels and Cambridge Pre-U are listed on ZAB's database: *anabin* at <http://anabin.kmk.org/>