

# 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 AS & A Levels and entrance requirements for Bachelor (undergraduate) degree programmes.

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 at minimum AS Level.** An AS or A Level in German will be taken into consideration from applicants with German nationality and German as a mother tongue providing they meet all other admissions criteria for their chosen field of study at a particular university.

**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 will not be accepted in lieu. 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 subjects 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, an A Level in mathematics is a compulsory requirement.
- For **technical, mathematical or natural science** courses, an A Level in mathematics and a natural science (biology, chemistry or physics) are required.
- For **Medicine**, an A Level in Chemistry is compulsory plus two other A Level subjects in:
  - mathematics and a natural science (biology, chemistry or physics)
  - or
  - two natural sciences

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.

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/>