

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
Baden-Wuerttemberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages (English as the language of instruction/mother tongue, and a foreign language, which may be German) • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) <p>One social science subject (History, Geography or Sociology) or, alternatively, one additional science subject (as above)</p>
Bavaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (e.g. Physics, Chemistry, Biology) • One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography, Economics or Business Studies) <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications.</p>
Berlin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages (which may or may not include German) • Mathematics • One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics - but no qualifications which combine more than one science, e.g. Physical Science) • One social science subject (e.g. History or Geography, but no qualifications which combine several disciplines) <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>
Brandenburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (Economics, Geography or History) <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications</p>



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Bremen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject • One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography or Environmental Management)
Hamburg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Physics, Biology, Chemistry or - with limitations - Computer Science) • One social science subject (Business Studies, Economics, History, Geography or Sociology) <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three languages • Mathematics or one science subject (as above) • One social science subject (as above)
Hesse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined)) • One social science subject (Economics, History or Geography) <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>
Lower Saxony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (e.g. Geography or History) • IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications
Mecklenburg-West Pomerania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages (one of which must be a First Language) • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (e.g. History, Geography, Religious Studies or Sociology)
North Rhine-Westphalia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (e.g. Geography or History) <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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Rhineland-Palatinate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History, Geography or Sociology) <p>Alternatively:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three languages • Mathematics or a science subject (as above) • One social science subject (as above)
Saarland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages (e.g. First/mother tongue language and foreign/additional language (which may be German)) • Mathematics • One science subject • One social science subject (e.g. Environmental Management, History or Geography) <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>
Saxony	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined)) • One social science subject (Economics, History or Geography) <p>IGCSE English First Language is acceptable, but not IGCSE English as a Second Language or other EFL qualifications. German is acceptable also for native German speakers.</p>
Saxony-Anhalt	<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>
Schleswig-Holstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry or Physics) • One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History or Geography)
Thüringia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two languages • Mathematics • One science subject (e.g. Biology, Chemistry, Physics or Sciences (e.g. Coordinated, Combined)) • One social science subject (e.g. Economics, History or Geography) <p>In addition, at Grade E or above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One creative/technical/vocational subject • One further subject of choice

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