

United Kingdom; admission to the Study in Austria with British secondary school leaving certificates (admission recommendation United Kingdom)

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research recommends that secondary school qualifications from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland be recognised for admission to studies in Austria as follows:

1. Initial situation

1. The entry requirements for higher education in the UK are set by each university. In general, however, it can be stated that all British universities consider the general minimum requirements for university entrance ("General Requirements") to be fulfilled if, upon acquisition in England, Wales or Northern Ireland, the following conditions are met
 - evidence of completion of at least four subjects at grades A to C of the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) or the International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) recognised as equivalent offered in UK and international schools outside the UK, and
 - proof of completion of at least three subjects at Advanced Level of the General Certificate of Education (GCE)

There is a general minimum catalogue, according to which the assessment of the "General education" is carried out (see Z 3).

2. However, at British universities, additional special requirements are set in the subjects of the GCE Advanced Level ("Caused Requirements") for the admission to a subject study. These are also determined by the individual universities. For example, the following requirements are set by the universities for admission to medical studies

- Most UK universities require two mathematics and science subjects at Advanced Level.
3. All UK universities usually require three subjects at GCE Advanced Level, graded at least A*, A, B or C, as a specific prerequisite for entry to a particular subject course, depending on the combination of subjects.
 4. If the general minimum requirements for university entrance and the additional specific requirements for specialised study at UK universities are met, this will generally result in a university entrance qualification for the subject area corresponding to the Advanced Level subjects.
 5. When acquired in Scotland, the Scottish Qualification Certificate (SQC) is equivalent to the GCSE in terms of subject matter at Standard (formerly Ordinary) Grade and to the GCE Advanced Level in terms of subject matter at Higher Grade, despite all the structural differences in detail.
 6. For the secondary school leaving certificate IAL (International Advanced Level) see [here](#).
 7. For the new Edexcel grading scale 9 to 1, see [here](#).

2. Approval

In the following, reference is made to admission to studies at Austrian universities. For the Fachhochschule degree programmes, the above applies in accordance with the relevant parallel provisions.

3. General university entrance qualification

Pursuant to section 64 para. 1 no. 3 of the Universities Act 2002 - UG, Federal Law Gazette I no. 120/2002, and section 4 para. 1 no. 3 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act - FHG, Federal Law Gazette No. 340/1993, in conjunction with Art. IV.1 of the Convention on the Recognition of Qualifications concerning Higher Education in the European Region ("Lisbon Recognition Convention"), Federal Law Gazette III No. 71/1999, British secondary school qualifications are equivalent to an Austrian school leaving certificate, taking into account the following principles:

- The positive completion of four independent general education subjects should be proven accordingly.
- Among these four subjects, the following shall in any case be included
 - One language
 - Mathematics
 - one of the subjects biology, physics or chemistry
 - a subject in the humanities.
- At least three of the four subjects should have been passed at GCE Advanced Level, if possible, and the fourth subject at GCSE or IGCSE level.

be. For applicants with German as their mother tongue, the subject German, regardless of the level at which it was taken, can only be assessed for the GCSE or IGCSE level.

- The completed subjects should be graded at least A*, A, B or C.
- Advanced Supplementary Level (AS) is equivalent to GCSE level for the above conditions.
- The International Advanced Level (IAL) is equivalent to the GCE Advanced Level for the above conditions.
- An English-only language examination outside GCSE, IGCSE, GCE or IAL shall not be used for the assessment of General University Matriculation.

4. German language skills

Special reference is made to the requirement of sufficient knowledge of German according to § 63 para. 1 no. 3 UG or, if applicable, according to § 4 para. 6 FHG. For applicants who have demonstrated German as a subject of instruction, this can be considered as proof of knowledge of the German language.

5. Competent body

For the purpose of admission to the degree programme, all applicants are advised to contact the university or the management of the Fachhochschule degree programme at which they expect to study at the earliest possible opportunity. The guidelines of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research are only a recommendation; the actual decision on admission is made by the rectorate of the respective university, the management of the respective FH degree programme or the rectorate of the respective university of teacher education within the framework of the legal basis.