

Entry to German universities with A Levels

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England-Wales-Northern Ireland: Basic requirements & subject-specific requirements (applicable from admission date summer semester 2022)

1. Basic Requirements

3 academic and independent subjects at A Level with a minimum grade of C:

- 2 subjects from: a language, history, geography, social studies/politics, economics, mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, computer science according to "List A: General A Level subjects meeting the basic requirements" (subject 1 and subject 2, possibly subject 3)
- 1 other subject independent of the two subjects chosen above according to "List A" or according to "List B: General education A Level subjects meeting the basic requirements" (Subject 3)

2. Course-specific Requirements

Art courses	No specific requirements
Humanities and law courses	1 A Level from: Language, History, Geography, Social Studies/ Politics, Economics
Social Sciences and Economics/Business courses	1 A Level from: History, Geography, Social Studies/ Politics, Economics; 1 A Level from: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science
Natural science courses	2 A Levels from: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science
Mathematical and technical courses	1 A Level in Mathematics; 1 A Level from: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science
Medical courses, including pharmacy	3 A Levels from: Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science
Courses of study that cannot be assigned to these disciplines	The admitting university decides on subject-specific requirements.

3. Additional Requirements

a) Preliminary notifications of results:

- Candidate Statements of Provisional Results and similar transcripts from recognized examination boards may be considered.
- The actual certificates are to be submitted to the responsible university office at the beginning of the 2nd semester or at the latest 1 year after the date of the exam.

b) Vocational A Levels:

- Certain A Level subjects with vocational content may be considered as a third subject in accordance with “List C: Acceptable vocational A Level subjects” (Subject 3).
- In this case, the choice of university courses is restricted to the subject area of the vocational A Level subject.

(c) A minimum of 12 years’ school attendance in total is normally required.

Appendix

- List A: General A Level subjects that meet the basic requirements (Subject 1 and Subject 2, possibly Subject 3).
- List B: General A Level subjects that meet the basic requirements (subject 3)
- List C: Approved vocational A Level subjects (subject 3)

List A: General A Level subjects that meet the basic requirements (Subject 1 and subject 2, if applicable subject 3)

Notes:

- A Level subjects in the same subject area are not independent of each other, with the exception of languages.
- A Level subjects from all examination boards that are currently eligible or can be examined are listed here. Subjects that can no longer be selected are not listed; for these subjects, students need to consult with the responsible recognition body.

Subject area	General A Level Subjects
Language	Arabic (listening reading and writing) Bengali Biblical Hebrew Classical Greek Chinese (spoken Mandarin/spoken Cantonese) English: - English Language - English Language and Literature - English Language and Literature (EMC) - English Literature - English Literature A - English Literature B French German Greek Gujarati Hindi Irish Italian Japanese Latin Modern Hebrew Panjabi Persian Polish Portuguese Russian Spanish Tamil Turkish Urdu
History	History History A
Geography	Geography

Subject area	General A Level subjects
Social Studies / Politics	Politics Sociology Government and Politics
Economics	Economics Economics A Economics B
Mathematics	Further Mathematics Further Mathematics A Further Mathematics B (MEI) Mathematics Mathematics A Mathematics B (MEI)
Biology	Biology Biology A Biology A (Salters-Nuffield) Biology B Biology B (Advancing Biology)
Chemistry	Chemistry Chemistry A Chemistry B (Salters)
Physics	Physics Physics A Physics B (Advancing Physics)
Computer Science	Computer Science Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Information Technology

List B: General A Level subjects that meet the basic requirements (subject 3)

Notes:

- A subject from this list OR another subject from List A may be chosen as a third subject, provided that it is independent of the chosen Subject 1 and Subject 2. For List A, the following additionally applies: A Level subjects within the same subject area are not independent of each other, with the exception of languages.
- A Level subjects from all examination boards that are currently eligible or can be examined are listed here. Subjects that can no longer be selected are not listed; for these subjects, students need to consult with the responsible recognition body.

General A Level subjects as subject 3	Not independent of	Remarks
Art and Design		Also possible with focus on Craft and Design / Fine Art / Graphic Communication / Photography / Textile Design / Three-Dimensional Design / Critical and Contextual Studies
Ancient History	History	
Classical Civilisation / Classical Studies	History, Greek, Latin	
Drama and Theatre		
Geology	Geography	
History of Art	History	
Life and Health Sciences	Biology, Chemistry	
Marine Science (Cambridge)	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	

General A Level subjects as subject 3	Not independent of	Remarks
Music		
Nutrition and Food Science	Biology, Chemistry	
Philosophy		
Physical Education		
Environmental Science	Biology, Chemistry, Physics	
Psychology		
Religious Studies		
Statistics	Mathematics	

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List C: Approved vocational A Level subjects (subject 3)

Notes:

- A subject from this list OR another subject from List A or List B may be chosen as a third subject, provided that it is independent of the chosen Subject 1 and Subject 2. For List A, the following additionally applies: A Level subjects within the same subject area are not independent of each other, with the exception of languages.
- If you choose a subject from this list, your choice of degree will be restricted in accordance with section 3b of the "Basic requirements/subject-specific requirements".
- A Level subjects from all examination boards that are currently eligible or can be examined are listed here. Subjects that can no longer be selected are not listed; for these subjects, students need to consult with the responsible recognition body.

Approved vocational A Level subjects as subject 3	Not independent of	Remarks
Business / Business Studies	Economics	
Design and Technology / Technology and Design / Design & Textiles		Also with focus on: Design Engineering / Fashion and Textiles / Product Design
Digital Technology		Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)
Digital Media & Design		Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)
Electronics	Physics	
Environmental Technology		Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)

Approved vocational A Level subjects as subject 3	Not independent of	Remarks
Film Studies		
Health and Social Care		Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)
Journalism in the Media and Communications Industry	Languages	Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)
Law	History, Politics, Sociology, Government and Politics	
Media Studies		Only after consultation with ZAB (recognition body)
Music Technology		
Software Systems Development	Computer Science, Information and Communication Technology (ICT), Information Technology	
Sports Science and the Active Leisure Industry		
Travel & Tourism	Economics Geography	

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