

Excerpt from the Admission Requirements Academic Year 2023/2024

5 Foreign Entrance Qualifications

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5.4 General requirements for upper secondary school-leaving certificates

- 5.4.1 Qualifications or upper secondary school-leaving certificates from other countries have to meet the following requirements. They must
- ① be of general educational character,
 - ② have been acquired after completion of at least 12 school years, of which at least 3 years at academic upper secondary school,
 - ③ show an emphasis on Classical Languages, Modern Languages, Humanities and Social Sciences or Mathematics/Natural Sciences,
 - ④ represent the highest possible level of upper secondary school in the country awarding the diploma,
 - ⑤ grant admission to all university faculties and to all branches of study in the country awarding the diploma and
 - ⑥ have been acquired in a full-time, class-based course of instruction.
- 5.4.2 With regard to point 5.4.1 foreign qualifications and foreign upper secondary school-leaving certificates are only considered to be of general educational value if at least 6 individual subjects of general educational value according to the following categories are stated continuously in the last 3 years of school education:

Subject group	Subject group category	Subject catalogue
1	First language	Mother tongue or language of instruction
2	Second language	frei wählbar
3	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	Natural Sciences	Biology, Chemistry or Physics
5	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography, History or Economics/Law
6	free choice	1 further subject from the subject groups 2,4,5 or Computer Science or Philosophy

Computer Science or Philosophy can only be chosen as the 6th subject.

- 5.4.3 The following university entrance qualifications and certificates are not recognised even though they meet the subject combination stated under 5.4.2 and represent a general upper secondary school-leaving certificate in the country awarding the diploma:
- ① subject related upper secondary school-leaving certificates or upper secondary school-leaving certificates from universities of applied sciences
 - ② degrees and diplomas from vocational schools and universities of applied sciences² (engineering schools, technical schools, schools for paramedical professions, music, art or foreign language schools, schools of business and management, interpreter training schools, agricultural schools, hospitality and tourism management schools, etc.)
 - ③ correspondence courses, evening courses and non-student school-leaving certificates
 - ④ school-leaving certificates from secondary schools and upper secondary schools which place emphasis on professional and vocational training as well as from schools that offer vocational training at the same time
 - ⑤ school-leaving certificates obtained after having attended schools (at upper secondary level II) that belong to different education systems. Exception: A proof can be provided that all three years at an academic secondary school were completed successfully.
 - ⑥ entrance examination certificates from foreign institutions of higher education