



# Fächerwahl Informationsabend *Subject Choice Information Event*

Klasse 9  
*Grade 9*



# Agenda

- Deutscher Zweig:
  - Realschule und Realschulabschluss
  - Fächerwahlen für Klasse 10 – 12
- Berufs- und Studienberatung
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- *German Stream:*
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- *Fragen*



# REALSCHULABSCHLUSS 2025



**Klasse 10**  
**Grade 10**

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 Book time to meet with me

# Realschule – eine Alternative?

- Schwierigkeiten in/mit:

- Hauptfächern (Note 4)?
- Arbeitsverhalten?
- Verständnisprobleme komplexer Aufgaben?
- Praktische Veranlagung?

- Letzte mögliche Anmeldung:

- Ende Term 1 im Schuljahr 2025
- Besser vorher!

- *Difficulties in/with:*

- *Main subjects (around 45%)?*
- *Work behaviour?*
- *Problems with complex tasks?*
- *More practical disposition?*

- *Last chance to swap:*

- *End of Term 1 in schoolyear 2025*
- *Better before!*

# Die Realschulprüfungen / Exams - schriftlich und mündlich / *written and oral*



- **Schriftliche Prüfungen:**
  - Anfang November 2025
  - Deutsch und Mathematik
  - Aus Deutschland zugesandt
  - 50% der Endnote des Prüfungsfachs
- **Mündliche Prüfung(en):**
  - Mitte November
  - **Eine Pflichtprüfung** aus:
    - E, Fr, GE, BIO, CH, PH (wenn Unt. in Kl. 8-10)
  - 50% der Endnote des Prüfungsfachs
  - **Max. eine weitere freiwillige** Prüfung in Deutsch oder Mathematik
- **Written Exams**
  - *Early November 2025*
  - *German and Mathematics*
  - *Created in Germany*
  - *50% of final grade in the subject*
- **Oral Exam(s)**
  - *Late November*
  - **One Examination is mandatory** out of:
    - *E, Fr, HI, BIO, CH, PH (if taught in 8-10)*
  - *50% of final grade in the subject*
  - **Max. one further voluntary exam** in *German or Mathematics*



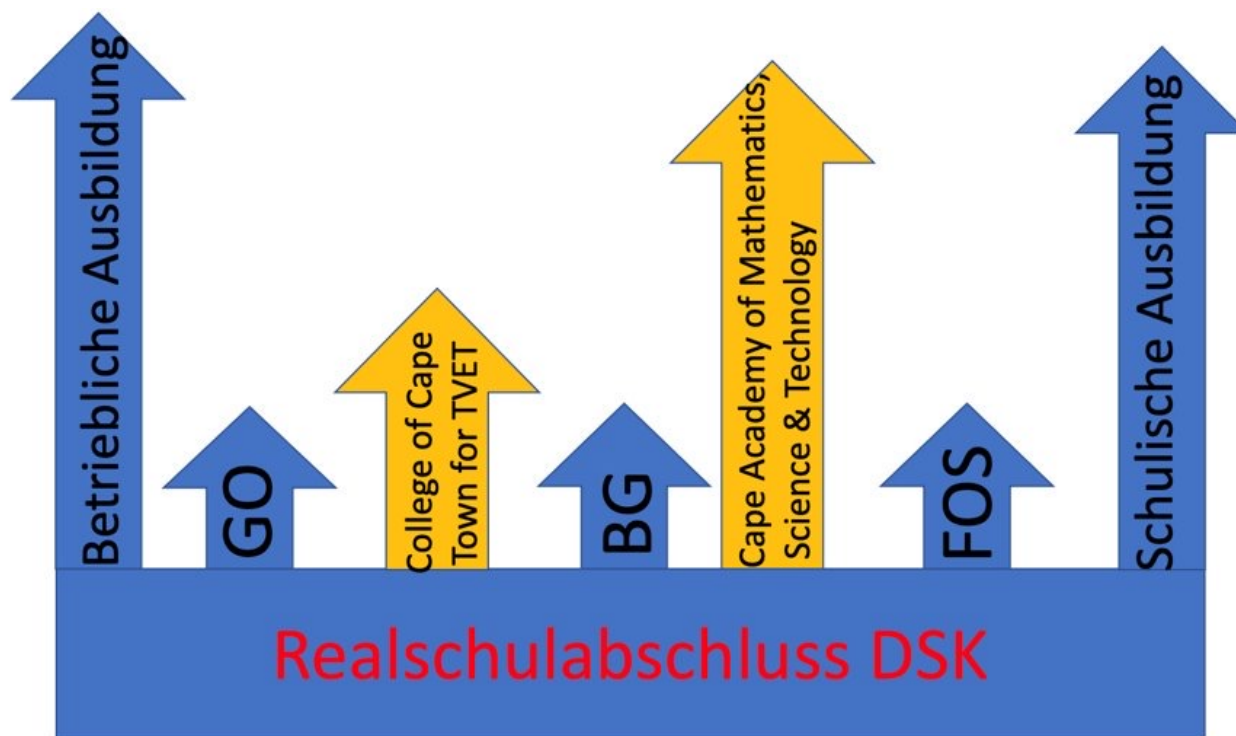
# Bestehen der Realschulprüfung / *passing*

- Vier gewinnt: **Alle Fächer 4 und besser: bestanden**
  - 1x5 aus D,M,E: Ausgleich möglich (Bedingungen!)
  - **2x5 aus D,M,E: Kein Ausgleich möglich!**
  - 1x5 aus D,M,E UND 1x5 in einem Nebenfach: Ausgleich möglich (Bedingungen!)
  - 2x5 in Nebenfächern: Ausgleich möglich (Bedingungen!)
  - Für den **Ausgleich**: 3 oder besser in mehreren Fächern notwendig (Sp, Mu, Ku nicht oder nur zu einem geringen Anteil einbringbar)
- **All subjects in 10 were graded 4 and better: passed**
  - 1x5 from D,M,E: compensation possible (conditions!)
  - **2x5 from D,M,E: No compensation possible!**
  - 1x5 from D,M,E AND 1x5 minor subject: compensation possible (conditions!)
  - 2x5 in minor subjects: compensation possible (conditions!)
  - For **compensation**: 3 or better necessary in several subjects (SP, Art, MU not or in small proportion)

# Übergang zur Einführungsphase der gymnasialen Oberstufe / *Swap to Gymnasium grade 10*

- Mit dem Realschulabschluss kann die 10. Klasse auf gymnasialem Niveau wiederholt werden, wenn:
  - Durchschnitt Abschlusszeugnis aus allen Fächern 3,0 und besser
  - Durchschnitt D, M, FS/LS (ab Klasse 5!) 3,0 und besser UND keine 5 oder 6 in diesen Fächern
  - Jedes auf dem Abschlusszeugnis erscheinende Fach muss einbezogen werden
- Über einen Wechsel in den IEB-Zweig wird individuell entschieden (Kompetenztests in E und Afr)
- *With Graduation at Realschule grade 10 may be repeated at Gymnasium level, if:*
  - *Average of final grade is 3,0 or better (all subjects)*
  - *Average D,M,FL/LS (from grade 5!) 3,0 and better AND no 5 or 6 in those subjects*
  - *All subjects are included*
- The decision to swap to the IEB branch is made on an individual basis (tests in E and Afr)

# Und nach dem Realschulabschluss?



GO – Gymnasiale Oberstufe (grade 10  
Gymnasium) (DSK)

BG – Berufliches Gymnasium  
(Germany)

FOS – Fachoberschule (Germany)





# Parent evening – Grade 9

Introductory Phase – German Stream  
Einführungsphase – Gymnasiale Oberstufe

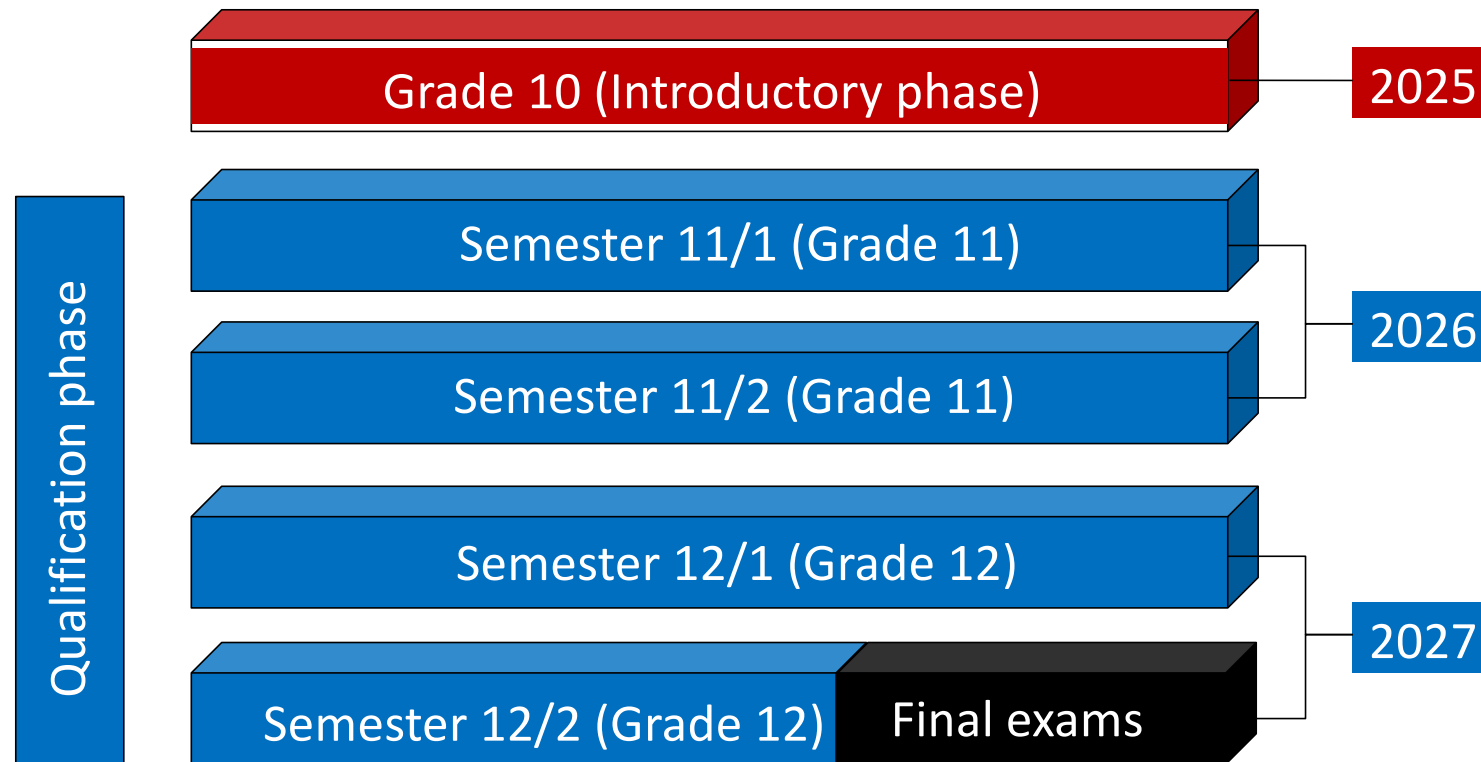
Focus: Subject choice  
Fokus: Fächerwahl

# Certificates

The *German stream* offers

- **Secondary School Certificate** after successfully passing grade 10 (incl. ZKAs!)  
(= Mittlere Reife)
- **Apprenticeship** in occupational fields as banking or building trade
- **German International Abitur** in combination with the **National Senior Certificate**  
(treaty agreement between the South African and German governments)
- Entrance to **Universities** in Germany, the European Union, the USA and South Africa

# Schedule - Oberstufe



# Schedule – Oberstufe (Introductory phase)

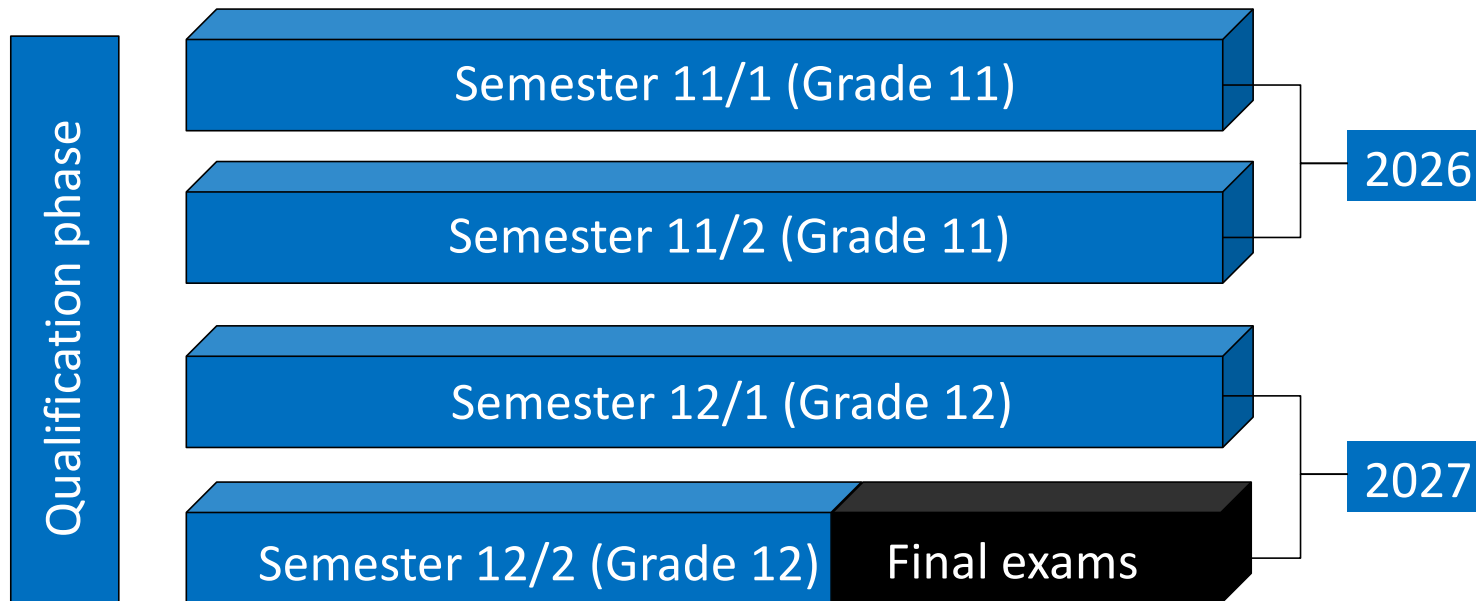
Grade 10 (Introductory phase)

2025

successful passing of grade 10 (incl. ZKA!)

- secondary school certificate (mittlere Reife)
- Apprenticeship in Germany (2-3 years)
- Entry to the Qualification Phase for the Abitur

# Schedule – Oberstufe (Qualification phase)



→ Semester results 11/12 count for the Abitur (ca. 2/3)

→ Qualification for the abitur exams

# Subject Choices

|                            | 10                 | 11 & 12           | Responsibility | Language |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------|
| Deutsch                    | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | BRD            | D        |
| Englisch                   | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | RSA            | E        |
| Afrikaans /<br>Französisch | ELECTIVES          | →                 | RSA / BRD      |          |
| Kunst / Musik              | ELECTIVES          | →                 | RSA            | E/D      |
| Geschichte                 | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | BRD            | D        |
| Life Orientation           | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | RSA            | E/D      |
| Mathematik                 | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | BRD            | D        |
| Physik                     | All 3<br>Recommend | 2 COMPUL-<br>SORY | BRD            | D        |
| Chemie                     |                    |                   | BRD            | D        |
| Biologie                   |                    |                   | BRD            | D        |
| Sport                      | COMPULSORY         | COMPULSORY        | RSA            | E/D      |

# Subject Choices

## The natural science question

3 science subjects in grade 10

→ You can drop one after grade 10

2 science subjects in grade 10

→ You have to keep these two subjects (no change possible)

# Important dates

## Subject choice

→ August 2024, Information will follow

## Subject change

Deadline: 14.03.2025

(End of term 1, grade 10)

## Change of stream

Deadline: 09.06.2025

(End of term 2, grade 10)



# Assessments (Responsibility BRD)

- 1 test (Klausur) each term in: German, Mathematics
- 1 test (Klausur) every two terms: all other subjects

**Written tests (Klausuren)** : **"Oral marks"**  
- small tests  
- participation in class  
- assessments at home

**50%** : **50%**

- No term marks but **half year marks**: consists of oral marks and 1 (or 2) marks from written tests.

} Grades 11/12

# German Point System – grades 11/12

|              | Punktzahl | Note mit Tendenz | Prozentsatz |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|-------------|
| sehr gut     | 15        | 1+               | ab 95 %     |
|              | 14        | 1                | ab 90 %     |
|              | 13        | 1-               | ab 85 %     |
| gut          | 12        | 2+               | ab 80 %     |
|              | 11        | 2                | ab 75 %     |
|              | 10        | 2-               | ab 70 %     |
| befriedigend | 9         | 3+               | ab 65 %     |
|              | 8         | 3                | ab 60 %     |
|              | 7         | 3-               | ab 55 %     |
| ausreichend  | 6         | 4+               | ab 50 %     |
|              | 5         | 4                | ab 45 %     |
|              | 4         | 4-               | ab 40 %     |
| mangelhaft   | 3         | 5+               | ab 33 %     |
|              | 2         | 5                | ab 27 %     |
|              | 1         | 5-               | ab 20 %     |
| ungenügend   | 0         | 6                | unter 20 %  |

# Abitur Exams – Subject Choice

- The five examination subjects must cover all three fields
- The three written examination subjects must cover two fields

Sprachlich/Künstl.

Gesellschaftswiss.

Mathe./Naturwiss.

Deutsch (s)

Englisch (s)

Französisch (m)

Geschichte (s/m)

Mathematik (s/m)

Physik (s/m)

Chemie (s/m)

Biologie (s/m)

Date: February 2027

# Abitur Exams – Subject Choice

- Sports/Music/Art/Life Orientation/Afrikaans not possible as exam subjects
- **De/En/Fr/Ges/Ma/Ph/Ch/Bio** possible exam subjects
- **German** is a compulsory Abitur subject (written exam)  
**History** is a compulsory Abitur subject; choice only between written and oral exam.
- English can only be selected as a written exam subject.
- Those who take **French** in grade 11+12 can choose it as an **oral exam subject - or not at all**.

# Abitur Exams – Subject Choice

| 1   | German  | German           | German                       | German              |
|-----|---------|------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2   | Maths   | Maths            | Engl                         | Engl                |
| 3   | History | Bio/Ch/Ph        | History                      | Maths/<br>Bio/Ch/Ph |
| 4/5 | any     | History<br>+ any | Maths/<br>Bio/Ch/Ph<br>+ any | History<br>+ any    |

Application to german universities:  
Subject choice irrelevant!

For most university subjects:  
Only the abitur average counts!

Some universities:  
→ Entrance tests

# Questions?





## Elterninformationsabend Kl. 9 Parent Information Evening Grade 9



**Zukunft in Deutschland?! – Abhängig von der  
Fächerwahl in Kl. 10?**

Does the subject choice for grade 10 determine  
our child's future in Germany/ Europe?

# Inhalt/ Content

## Einfluss der Fächerwahl Kl. 10 auf die Weiterbildungsmöglichkeiten in Deutschland:

- Warum ist die deutsche Sprache wichtig?
- Welche Fächer müssen belegt werden (Frz. Vs. Afrikaans) bzw. kann ich Physik oder Chemie oder Biologie abwählen? > **OSK (german stream)**

## Impact of the subject choice in Grade 10 for further studies in Germany:

- Why is the german language so important?
- Which Subjects does my child has to take to be qualified for the „direct entry into German Universities“?



# Studying with IEB (NSC) in Germany



- Requirements for the IEB school leaving certificate to be qualified as the „degree equivalent to the Abitur“ (NSC + DSDII)
- Studying with a foreign degree (NSC)
- Doing a Bachelor in SA and the study further in Germany

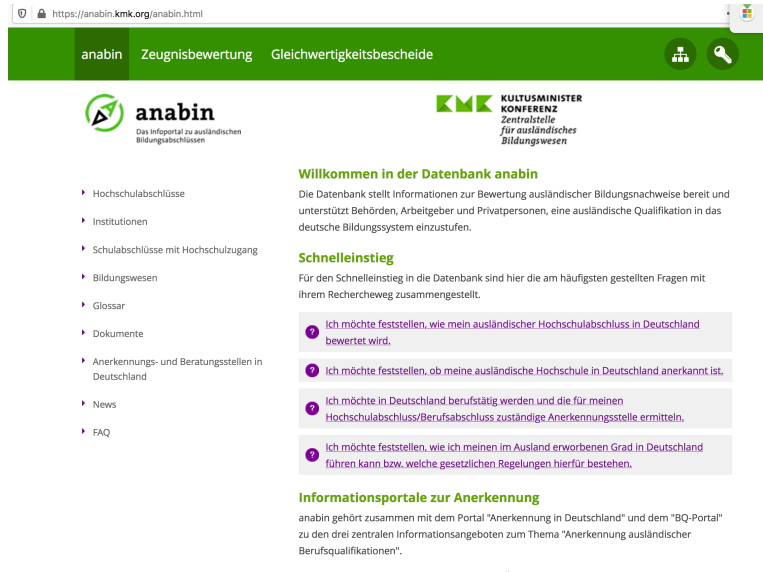


# Anerkennung des nationalen Abschlusses

## Recognition of the IEB subjects

<http://www.anabin.de/>

→ Schulabschlüsse und  
Hochschulzugang



The screenshot shows the homepage of the anabin website. The navigation bar includes 'anabin', 'Zeugnisbewertung', and 'Gleichwertigkeitsbescheide'. The main content area features a sidebar with a menu of categories: Hochschulabschlüsse, Institutionen, Schulabschlüsse mit Hochschulzugang, Bildungswesen, Glossar, Dokumente, Anerkennungs- und Beratungsstellen in Deutschland, News, and FAQ. The main text area is titled 'Willkommen in der Datenbank anabin' and contains a 'Schnelleinstieg' section with four frequently asked questions. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Informationsportale zur Anerkennung'.

<https://anabin.kmk.org/anabin.html>

anabin Zeugnisbewertung Gleichwertigkeitsbescheide

**anabin**  
Das Infoportal zu ausländischen  
Bildungsabschlüssen

**KMK KULTUSMINISTER  
KONFERENZ**  
Zentralstelle  
für ausländisches  
Bildungswesen

**Willkommen in der Datenbank anabin**

Die Datenbank stellt Informationen zur Bewertung ausländischer Bildungsnachweise bereit und unterstützt Behörden, Arbeitgeber und Privatpersonen, eine ausländische Qualifikation in das deutsche Bildungssystem einzustufen.

**Schnelleinstieg**

Für den Schnelleinstieg in die Datenbank sind hier die am häufigsten gestellten Fragen mit ihrem Rechercheweg zusammengestellt.

- 1 Ich möchte feststellen, wie mein ausländischer Hochschulabschluss in Deutschland bewertet wird.
- 2 Ich möchte feststellen, ob meine ausländische Hochschule in Deutschland anerkannt ist.
- 3 Ich möchte in Deutschland berufstätig werden und die für meinen Hochschulabschluss/Berufsabschluss zuständige Anerkennungsstelle ermitteln.
- 4 Ich möchte feststellen, wie ich meinen im Ausland erworbenen Grad in Deutschland führen kann bzw. welche gesetzlichen Regelungen hierfür bestehen.

**Informationsportale zur Anerkennung**

anabin gehört zusammen mit dem Portal "Anerkennung in Deutschland" und dem "BQ-Portal" zu den drei zentralen Informationsangeboten zum Thema "Anerkennung ausländischer Berufsqualifikationen".

[Die Informationsportale zur Anerkennung im Überblick](#)

# Warum ist die deutsche Sprache wichtig? *Why is the german language so important?*

▶ National Senior Certificate (bzw. Statement of Results)

Das Zeugnis muss den Vermerk "Endorsement" tragen. Auf den Zeugnissen ab 2012 wird der Begriff "Endorsement" nicht mehr verwendet, sondern eine Formulierung, die bestätigt, dass das Zeugnis zum Hochschulzugang in Südafrika berechtigt. (z.B.: "The candidate is awarded the National Senior Certificate and has met the minimum requirements for admission to bachelors' degree, diploma or higher certificate study as gazetted for admission to higher education, subject to the admission requirements of the higher education institution concerned.")

Direkter Zugang (für alle Fächer)  
zu allen Hochschulen

Im Zeugnis müssen 7 allgemeinbildende Fächer mit mindestens der Note 4 nachgewiesen sein, darunter Mathematik, 2 Sprachen, Life Orientation sowie 3 weitere allgemeinbildende, voneinander unabhängige Fächer, darunter 1 naturwissenschaftliches Fach.

## Minimum requirements from the KMK (anabin) for **all learners from SA:**

### 7 general subjects:

- Including Mathematics
- 2 languages (i.e. English, Afrikaans)
- LO
- 3 other independent subjects (including 1 natural science)

All above 50%

# But where is the German???

## Example: University of Cologne

- Universities check the german language skills additionally to the HZB (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung) > **DSD II (C1) is required**
- Some **Universities of Applied Sciences** might accept DSDII on the lower level (B2)
- A few **Universities of Applied Sciences** might even not need the german if the **whole subject is studied in English** (not very common at the moment but generally possible)

### 1. Voraussetzungen (Hochschulzugangsberechtigung, Deutschnachweis, TestAS)

Sie benötigen insbesondere eine **Hochschulzugangsberechtigung (HZB)**, **sehr gute Kenntnisse der deutschen Sprache** und ein **TestAS-Zertifikat**, um sich an unserer Universität für ein grundständiges Studium zu bewerben.

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#### b. Deutschkenntnisse für das Fachstudium

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- DSH 2\*
- **Deutsches Sprachdiplom, Stufe II der KMK (DSD II)**
- Telc C1 Hochschule
- Telc C2
- Goethe-Institut C1-Zertifikat
- ÖSD C2
- **Feststellungsprüfung (FSP) mit Fach Deutsch**

# Impact of the German language for further studies in Germany:

## DSD II (C1- Level)

- No further test or Studienkolleg needed for the University to accept the German language criteria

## DSD II (without C1- level)

- If the German language proficiency is enough for the chosen subject Universities might accept the application
- If it is not enough
  - a) denied or
  - b) option for Studienkolleg given

# What about the 2nd language? (add. To English)

Welche Fremdsprache soll mein Kind behalten bis zum Abitur?  
Which 2nd language does my child should keep?

➤ No difference according to the requirements of a 2nd language

## Französisch



Your child speaks a third european language  
It is mostly common as 2nd language in  
german schools



Your child can not move to the english  
stream.  
It is in the majority of cases the more difficult  
language for the learners.

## Afrikaans

Your child keeps the option of moving  
between streams open  
Can focus better on other subjects  
Mostly the language that seems to be easier

Not many in Europe speak the language and  
it does not play a major role outside SA

# TestAS (Test für Ausländische Studierende)



## Test for Academic Studies

- TestAS is a central standardised aptitude test for foreign students. TestAS gives prospective students information about their individual ranking compared to other applicants. With good results, they can improve their chances of being admitted for studies at a German university.  
There are two formats of TestAS: Both, the digital and the paper-based TestAS, verify the same skills and abilities and place the same demands on participants.

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Many Universities want this TestAs together with the HZB and the DSDII or have their own additional requirements



# What about the Sciences?

## Physical Science

(Includes Physics + Chemistry)

- For subjects that need advanced knowledge in those 2 subjects > University might require physical science instead of Life Science
- Important: only counts if passed above 50%

## Life Science

(Biology)

- Counts as 1 natural science > fulfills requirements for all non- Stem subjects at Universities

**Minimum requirement according to KMK (anabin): 1 Natural Science**

Universities have additional entrance requirements according to subjects (i.e. the TestAS- Zertificate)



# Consequences for the subject choices

- Minimum requirements are "**minimum** requirements" that are necessary but do not grant an access
- Universities (and Universities of applied sciences) have additional requirements such as German Language proficiency
- Most important is **passing all subjects chosen at a minimum of 50%** (so the skill set of the child is more important than gaining for "direct access- qualification")
- If not qualified for direct entry there might be alternative such as Studienkolleg (1 year Porpädeutikum to catch up)
- One can also study later in Germany with a Bachelor (+Honors) from a SA-University



# Career Guidance (English Steam/ South African Institutions)

Carl Pilkington



# Career Guidance

- Learners may make an appointment by sending an email to [CarlPilkington@dsk.co.za](mailto:CarlPilkington@dsk.co.za)
- To find the specific course requirements for a tertiary institution, Google search the institution, followed by “prospectus”, eg. “UCT prospectus” or “Eduvos prospectus”

UCT Prospectus:



Stellenbosch University Prospectus:



# Next steps: Studien- und Berufsberatung Kl.9/ Career Counselling gr. 9



Term 3

Sozialpraktikum Klasse 9

Social Internship grade 9

14.-18.10.2024

14.-18.10.2024

**Forms need to be handed in with the class teacher latest 01.08.24**



# Outlook: Oberstufe/ grade 10-12

## Klasse 10

Term 1:

Workshop „Studien- und  
Berufsberatung“/ „Career  
Guidance- Workshops“

**Elternabend: "Studium und  
Ausbildung in Deutschland" /**

Parent evening: "Studying and  
Apprenticeship in Germany"

Term 3:

Berufspraktikum/ Job Shadowing

## Klasse 11

Term 2:

Studienfahrt nach  
Deutschland

Visits at Universities in and  
around Cape Town

## Klasse 12

Einzelberatungen zur  
Entscheidung zur  
Studienwahl und  
Bewerbung

Teilnahme an  
Ausschreibungen usw.  
Individual consultations  
regarding subject choice  
and application

# Examples of course requirements

## BA in Humanities# (3 years)

- An NSC aggregate of at least **63%** (excluding Life Orientation)
- Home Language **50%**
- First Additional Language **40%**  
*If you take Socio-Informatics as a university subject, then also:*
- Mathematics **50%** OR Mathematical Literacy **70%**

## BSc in Human Life Sciences (3 years)

- An aggregate of at least **65%** for the NSC (excluding Life Orientation)
- Afrikaans OR English (Home Language or First Additional Language) **50%**
- Physical Sciences **50%**
- Mathematics **60%** or **70%** (depending on your choice of first-year Mathematics and Physics) \*\*

# Examples of course requirements

- Courses relating to the **Physical Sciences** (engineering, chemistry) require Maths and Physical Sciences. Mathematical Literacy is not a consideration.
- **Biological Sciences and Medical courses** (marine biology, conservation, veterinary science, Physiotherapy) require Mathematics, Physical Sciences and Life Sciences;
- For **Commerce Courses** Mathematics is usually required. Accounting is not essential but is helpful.
- Some university courses do not require the matric equivalent subject. For instance, it is possible to study accounting or geography without having done it in grade 12.



# Parent evening – Grade 9

## Subject Choice for Grade 10 (2024) English Stream





# NSC (IEB)

- We follow the same curriculum as the rest of South Africa. (CAPS)
- Examining body: IEB
- IEB Vision is to advance quality teaching and learning.
- Reputation to develop assessment instruments that require critical responses.

# Assessment

**Grade 10 and 11:** The content taught forms the basis of the grade 12 curriculum and as prescribed by the **National Curriculum Document**.

The promotion requirements are based on the school's promotion policy.

**Deutsches Sprachdiplom 2 (DSD 2):** It is compulsory for all learners to write the DSD 2 exam in grade 11.

**Grade 12:** The school leaving certificate includes all results accumulated in grade 12. All tests and exams are moderated by the Independent Examination Board. There are two components of importance in this year:

**Portfolios (SBA):** Internal (25 – 50%)

Consist of tests, alternative assessments and **preliminary exams**.

**Final November exams:** External (50 - 75%)

# National Senior Certificate



Depending on learner performance, the following certificates may be achieved:

- National Senior Certificate Pass
- Higher Certificate
- **Diploma Pass**
- **Bachelor's Degree Pass**



# Diploma Pass



A Diploma Pass will give students access to any University of Technology.

- At least 40% for English
- At least 40% for four other subjects (excluding LO)
- Must obtain at least 30% for two other subjects.

[Results Explained | Western Cape Education Department](#)



# Bachelor Degree Pass



A **Bachelor Degree Pass** will give a student **provisional entrance** into a degree course.

- At least 40% for English
- At least 50% for four other subjects (excluding LO)
- Must obtain at least 30% for two other subjects.

[Results Explained | Western Cape Education Department](#)



# Minimum requirements

- The requirements for admission to degree courses at Universities and/or to certain courses in professional training include a NSC.
- Learners obtain the NSC in the German as well as in the English stream.
- The **Abitur or the NSC (IEB) with a DSD 2** (Deutsches Sprachdiplom) is a minimum requirement for entrance to any tertiary institute in Germany.
- Selected general subjects will be accepted as direct entry to Universities in Germany and parents can use the Anabin website to assist in their subject choices. (<https://anabin.kmk.org>)
- **Minimum requirements do not guarantee entry into chosen field of study.**

# Admission requirements to Tertiary Institutions may include:



- Specific subject requirements
- National benchmark tests
- Entry exams
- Point based system
- Extra merits – Life orientation and extracurricular activities
- Parents and learners must check the relevant school's online Prospectus.



# Important to know:

- *It is the responsibility of pupils and their parents to find out the exact **requirements** of any specific **tertiary educational** course, and to understand that these may change on an annual basis.*
- *DSK has a **career guidance program**, but this does not cover the application process. Learners and parents complete this process independently.*
- *Some Universities abroad may even require at least one **advanced programme course (Further Studies)**. Please check this with care.*



# Information to guide your decision making:



- Track your child's academic achievement (reports) during the General Education and Training phase – GET (Grades 7, 8 and 9).
- The advice and suggestion of the school, Subject Teacher, Career guidance teacher/Student Counsellor.
- Your child's preferences, interests, aptitudes and values.
- Private Educational Psychologists and other institutions.
- The possible choice of tertiary study, career or vocation.



# IEB (English Stream) core compulsory subjects:



## Compulsory Core Subjects 1 – 5:

1. English Home Language
2. Afrikaans First Additional Language / IsiXhosa First Additional Language
3. German Second Additional Language
4. Mathematics OR Mathematical Literacy
5. Life Orientation



# Electives

- A learners must choose at least **ONE** additional subject from each of the following categories:

| Category 1: <b>6<sup>th</sup> Subject</b> |  | Category 2: <b>7<sup>th</sup> Subject</b> |  |
|-------------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------------|--|
| Physical Sciences                         |  | Life Sciences                             |  |
| Computer Application Technology           |  | History                                   |  |
| Design                                    |  | Visual Arts                               |  |
| Business Studies                          |  | Geography                                 |  |
|                                           |  | Accounting                                |  |

- A learner **may** choose an **8<sup>th</sup>** subject from either group.

# 8th subject

- No contact time.
- Completely self study.
- Must write all the assessments required.

# Additional requirements

- **Physical Sciences:**

Must have achieved 60% or higher in Mathematics in grade 9.

- **Minimum of 7 learners** needed to run a course.

# FURTHER STUDIES

We offer the following additional subjects:

- Further Studies Mathematics
- Further Studies English
- Further Studies Physics

Additional subjects have **limited contact hours** and require independent learning. **Learners need a minimum achievement of at least 70 % at the end of grade 9 in the chosen Further Studies course.**

# Additional Courses not offered at school



- ❖ **Information Technology (SSIR)** offered by SIRS as an online and self-study course to teach learners coding at an additional cost per year payable to SSIR directly. Inquiries: [info@ssirs.co.za](mailto:info@ssirs.co.za)
- ❖ Music
- ❖ French
- ❖ Equine studies

*Important to know: **Additional** and not part of the 7 subject package.*



# Subject Changes:

This may take place at the **end of term 1** in Grade 10 or Grade 11.

*Subject changes are not possible in Grade 12.*

To facilitate a subject change a learner should:

- a) Collect the subject change form from the school office.
- b) Discuss the change with the incoming and outgoing subject teachers. Collect signatures.
- c) Discuss the subject change with parents and investigate the implication on future Tertiary admission requirements. Parents sign the form.
- d) The form is submitted to the office for consideration and approval. Only after approval has been granted and system changes take place, may the learner change subject.



# As a parent.....

| DO                                                                                                                                                          | DO NOT                                                                                                                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <p>Consider your child's suitability for the chosen course.</p>                                                                                             | <p>Let your child: Opt for the easiest course only to find that he/she has limited options.</p>                                     |
| <p>Be realistic about the amount of advanced work the learner can cope with, but do not underestimate his/her capabilities or the effects of hard work.</p> | <p>Let your child: Choose certain subjects because his/her friends are choosing them or because he/she likes a certain teacher.</p> |
| <p>Look ahead to future career plans and be certain of the university or career requirements. Consult the school if in doubt.</p>                           | <p>Allow subject changes without due consideration.</p>                                                                             |

# Subject choice deadline:



*August 2024, Information will follow soon.*



# Questions?

