

Germany

Background

Academic Calendar	September-June
What is year nine called?	<i>Klasse 9</i>
Where is year nine typically located?	First year of lower secondary school
Native Language(s)	German
Graduation Timeline	
8 + 2 + 2 = 12 or 8 + 5 = 13	12 or 13 years: eight years primary, two years lower secondary and two years upper secondary or eight years primary, two years lower secondary and three years upper secondary.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

1. *Zeugnis der allgemeinen Hochschulreife* [Certificate of General Higher Educational Maturity] (verbally referred to as the “Abitur”)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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2. *Zeugnis der Fachgebundenen Hochschulreife* [Certificate of Subject-Restricted Higher Educational Maturity]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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3. *Zeugnis der Fachhochschulreife* [Certificate of Maturity for a University of Applied Sciences]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine) The graduation timeline can be advanced up to two semesters after the date of <i>Fachhochschulreife</i> is achieved if the PSA pursues the vocational internship requirement directly after achieving the academic credential without suspending enrollment at any point from the time the academic credential was achieved.
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4. *Abschlusszeugnis* [Completion Certificate] (from a technical school)

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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5. *Zeugnis from Krankenpflegeschule* [Certificate from a nursing school], *Schule für technische Assistenten in der Medizin* [School for Medical Technical Assistant], *Schule für Physiotherapeuten* [School for Physical Therapists] or other type of school for medical paraprofessionals

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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6. Secondary Stage II *Berufsfachschule* [School Leaving Certificate of full-time vocational school]

Expected Timeline of Completion	12 or 13 years (four/five years or eight/10 semesters from the initial start of year nine)
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NOT ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

An *Abschlusszeugnis* [Completion Certificate], *Zeugnis* [Certificate] or *Abgangszeugnis* [Leaving Certificate for those who Failed the Final Examination] from the types of schools listed below:

<i>Berufsaufbauschule</i> [Extended Vocational School]	<i>Hauptschule</i> [Main (lower secondary) School]
<i>Berufsfachschule</i> [Vocational Technical School]	<i>Mittelschule</i> [Middle School]
<i>Berufsgrundbildungsjahr</i> (BGJ) [Vocational Basic Education Year]	<i>Realschule</i> [Intermediate or Middle School]
<i>Berufsschule</i> [Vocational School]	<i>Regelschule</i> [Norm School]
<i>Berufsschule Berufsgrundbildungsjahr</i> (BGJ) [Vocational Basic Education Year]	<i>Regionale Schule</i> [Regional School]
<i>Berufsschule Berufsvorbereitungsjahr</i> (BVJ) [Vocational Preparation Year]	<i>Sekundarschule</i> [Secondary School]
<i>Gesamtschule</i> [Comprehensive School]	<i>Wirtschaftsschule</i> [Commercial School]

GRADING SCALES

Grade	Translation	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
<i>Sehr Gut</i>	Very Good	A	4
<i>Gut</i>	Good	B	3
<i>Befriedigend</i>	Satisfactory	B	3
<i>Ausreichend</i>	Sufficient	C	2
<i>Mangelhaft</i>	Unsatisfactory/Poor	D	1
<i>Ungenugend</i>	Insufficient/Fail	F (Failure)	0

6-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
1	A	4
2	B	3
3	B	3
4	C	2
5	D	1
6	F (Failure)	0

15-Point Scale		
Numeric Grade	U.S. Grade Equivalent	Quality Points
13-15	A	4
10-12	B	3
7-9	B	3
4-6	C	2
1-3	D	1
0	F (Failure)	0

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- » The following course titles have been reviewed and **not approved** for use in an academic certification:
 - ° Religion.
- » For transcripts issued in the middle of the year and at the end of the year, consider the end of year report as final yearly grades.
- » For years 11 and up, coursework can be entered from the transcripts or the *Abitur*.
- » The coursework listed on the *Abitur* is in the format of semesters. If the four semesters of the *Abitur* represent more than two years' worth of time, a course dates task may be assigned.
- » Course titles that state “_____ from 6th grade (or any grade lower than *klasse* 9)” will not be used in the certification.
- » For years nine and 10, if all grades issued are between 1-6, the 6-point grading scale will be used.
- » If a student takes more than two years to complete the study of the *Abitur*, a timeline related task may be assigned to determine the schedule of completion for classes associated with that credential.
- » [Click here](#) for the welcome email students receive with additional information on documents to submit for this country.

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS

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| » Course Title Usage guide. | » NCAA Guide of International Academic Standards for Athletics Eligibility. |
| » Determination of Credit resource. | » Country-specific webpages. |
| » International initial-eligibility flyer. | » Multi-country references. |
| » Student account task information. | |

