

Excerpt from the Admission Requirements Academic Year 2025/2026

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 at least 11 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 and
 - 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. In justified cases, the Executive Board of the university may waive this criterion.
- 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	free choice
3	Mathematics	Mathematics
4	Natural Sciences	Biology, Chemistry or Physics
5	Humanities and Social Sciences	Geography, History or Economics/Law
6	free choice	1 more subject from the subject groups 2, 4 or 5 or Computer Science or Philosophy

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

5.4.3 The following university entrance qualifications and certificates are not recognised even though they meet the subject combination listed in chapter 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 sciences¹ (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

¹ Exception: degrees from officially recognized universities of applied science of signatory states of the Lisbon convention, provided they do not significantly differ from their Swiss equivalents, i.e. degrees from Swiss universities of applied sciences