



GERMAN
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL
WASHINGTON D.C.

The Upper Level at the GISW

The German International Abitur (DIA)



July 2019







- Introductory Phase
Grade 10
- Qualification Phase
Grades 11 and 12



Fields of Study and Required Subjects

Field of Study: Linguistic – Literary – Artistic

German

English

Advanced Foreign Languages (FL)

(2nd FL or 3rd new FL, obligation to enroll through the end of Grade 12)

Art or Music

Field of Study: Social Studies

History

Social Studies

Religion or Ethics

Field of Study: Mathematic – Scientific – Technical

Mathematics

Two or three Natural Sciences (NS)

Biology, Chemistry, Physics (obligation to enroll through the end of Grade 12)

Physical Education



Foreign Languages

English (4 hr/week)
Spanish (4 hr/week)
French (4 hr/week)

Natural Sciences

Biology (3 hr/week)
Chemistry (3 hr/week)
Physics (3 hr/week)

Foreign
Languages



Natural
Sciences



4 Subjects
(min. 1 FL
and 1 NS)



Required Subjects at the GISW:

- **German** (4 hrs/week)
- **English** (4 hrs/week)
- **Mathematics** (4 hrs/week)
- **History** (3 hrs/week)
- **US-History** (2 hrs/week)
- **Social Studies** (3 hrs/week)
- **Arts (Music or Art)** (2 hrs/week)
- **Physical Education** (2 hrs/week)
- **4 Subjects of FL and NS (including English)** (3 hrs/week)



Grades and points

points	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7
grade	Very good			good			satisfactory		
	1+	1	1-	2+	2	2-	3+	3	3-

points	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
grade	adequate			unsatisfactory			insufficient
	4+	4	4-	5+	5	5-	6



Elective Subjects:

- Religion (catholic or protestant) or Ethics (2 hrs/week)
- New FL in Intro Phase (gr.10) or Physics (4 or 3 hrs/week)

Individual Counseling

The subjects Biology and History are taught **bilingually**.

Hours of instruction/week: min. Ø 35 instructional hours

In grade 11 &12 total: min. 140 instructional hours



The following subjects count toward the **Partial Qualification Q** at the GISW:
36 semester grades are required.

Required Subjects

German	(4 semester grades)
Mathematics	(4 semester grades)
One Foreign Language/Lang. of host country	(4 semester grades)
Natural Sciences	(min. 4 semester grades)
Field of Studies: Social Studies	(min. 4 semester grades)
of those in History	(min. 2 semester grades)
Artistic field of Study	(min. 3 semester grades)
Physical Education	(max. 3 semester grades)







In the **5 Exam Subjects** all **4 semester grades** will count!!!

In the Field of Study **Foreign Languages/ Natural Sciences** at least **14 semester grades** will be counted.

When counting achievements in one subject, a minimum of **2 semesters** have to be counted.



Area	Subjects	Max. Points
EI (Q)	<p>36 semester grades from all school work in the qualification subjects (incl. the 5 examination subjects) from semesters 11.1, 11.2, 12.1, and 12.2</p> <p> (max. 7 semester grades < 5 points, NO  semester grade of 0 points)</p>	<p>600 points</p> $EI = \frac{36 \times 15}{36} \times 40$ <p>(min. 200 points)</p>
EII (A)	<p>The respective examination result of the 5 examinations is multiplied by four.</p> <p>(in at least 3 examination subjects, at least 5 points must be achieved as final result <u>and</u> the simple point total of the 5 Abitur examinations must add up to at least 25)</p> <p> </p>	<p>300 points</p> <p>(4 x 15 x 5)</p> <p>(min. 100 points)</p>
E	Total	<p>900 points</p> <p>(min. 300 points)</p>



The 5 Examination Subjects must cover the 3 Fields of Study.

The written Exams must cover 2 fields of study.



Students are required to have been enrolled in each written examination subject starting in 9th grade.

1. written exam subject: **German**
2. written exam subject: Mathematics or Advanced FL / host country language
3. written exam subject: Mathematics or Advanced FL / host country language
History or Social Studies or
Biology or Physics or Chemistry
- 4./ 5. oral exam subject: Student's choice, cannot be one of the written exam subjects and has to have been part of their studies since 10th grade. **One oral exam has to be taken in German.**

Foreign Languages can make up a max of 50%, where exams in a FL count as a whole and exams in a bilingual subject count half.

The **5th Exam** is a **Presentation Exam**.



Basics





Testing communicative competencies using a **controversial** topic.

(i.e. Question or Hypothesis)



20 Minute Duration: 10 Minutes each for media-supported presentation and discussion



Student proves a **deep** understanding with a **topic of his or her choice**.





At least eight weeks before the exam, the student provides **two** topics of his or her choice.

There and back again...





Four weeks before the exam, the student receives the topic that the examiner chose out of the provided options.

From now on, the examiner is not allowed to counsel or support the student.

Two days before the exam, the student turns in a short documentation of his or her presentation (max length two pages).

The short documentation is **NOT** graded.



Right BEFORE the exam, the presentation is saved by the school for the record!!!





New Guidelines of the DIA Exam Regulations „Klausuren“

In every subject **except** German, English, Math and 2. FL only **one** test (Klausur) needs to be written per semester.

BUT: 50% test (Klausur) and 50% participation remains!!!



As of **modern** Foreign Languages in Q1 (11th gr.), the test (Klausur) is replaced by testing the competencies through *Speaking* or *Listening Comprehension* or through *Listening-Viewing-Comprehension*.

CONCLUSION

