

## Admission Recommendation China 2022

### Admission to study in Austria with Chinese secondary school-leaving certificates

#### 1. Initial situation:

From the official Chinese side, there is no difference in quality between the individual secondary schools and therefore not between the secondary school-leaving certificates obtained there.

The situation is different in higher education. There are officially three categories of higher education institutions:

##### a. **Elite Universities :**

Admission to one of the elite universities (Double First Class Universities) requires a correspondingly high number of points in the national subject-oriented university entrance examination (gaokao).

##### b. **Universities :**

Applicants who have achieved a minimum number of points in the university entrance examination have access to a regular state-recognized Chinese university. Chinese radio and television universities are not included because they mainly teach general education subjects.

##### c. **"Junior colleges" (zhuanke), adult courses (gaozhi) :**

These are institutions of further education and adult education. Junior college courses are two to three-year courses/studies as well as adult courses and network studies (*gaozhi*) – These are offered at regular universities in addition to regular university studies and therefore often confused with regular university studies. Those applicants who have not reached the minimum number of points for regular universities are admitted to the junior colleges.

## 2. General university entrance qualification:

- a. The equivalence of Chinese secondary school-leaving certificates with Austrian secondary school-leaving certificates is determined in individual cases by the rectorate of a university or the head of a university of applied sciences course according to the admission regulations (§ 64 Para. 1 Z 3 of the Universities Act 2002 - UG; from October 1, 2022 § 64 Para. 2 UG; § 4 Para. 5 Z 3 of the University of Applied Sciences Act - FHG). There is no bilateral equivalence agreement.
- b. Documents from applicants who have not yet started university studies - regardless of whether they are already admitted to a regular bachelor's degree in China - should be checked for fulfilling the admission requirements using the following certificates:
  - ✓ The certificate of completion of upper secondary school (gaozhong biye zhengshu), obtained after twelve regular school years,
  - ✓ in connection with the national secondary school leaving examination (putong gaozhong xueye shuiping kaoshi or huikao) and
  - ✓ the national university entrance exam (putong gaodeng xuexiao zhaosheng quanguo tongyi kaoshi or gaokao) with a total score of at least 70% of the total maximum scoreException: Applicants who are not Chinese citizens and have completed a Chinese high school in connection with the national secondary school leaving examination (huikao) and are currently unable to sit the national university entrance examination (gaokao): Their applications should be examined in a case-to-case praxis and the applicants eventually get up to four supplementary examinations to obtain the general university entrance qualification.
- c. Applicants who have completed at least a three-year bachelor's degree at a recognized Chinese university fulfil the general university entrance qualification (§ 64 Para. 1 Z 4 UG (from October 1, 2022 § 64 Para. 1 Z 3 UG) or § 4 Para. 5 Z 4 FHG).

## 3. Special university entrance qualification (only relevant for universities from October 1, 2022):

According to § 65 UG, the additional examinations (e.g. Latin, descriptive geometry) laid down in the UBVO 1998, Federal Law Gazette II No. 144/1998 must be checked or imposed as supplementary examinations.

## 4. Proof of German language skills:

Particular reference is made to the requirement of sufficient knowledge of German in accordance with § 63 Para. 1 Z 3 UG and § 4 Para. 4 FHG. For applicants who have successfully

completed German as a subject in all classes of senior secondary level, this can be accepted as proof of knowledge of the German language.

## **5. Authenticity check and determination of Chinese educational background:**

It is recommended that applicants from China present a **verification confirmation from the Academic Evaluation Center Beijing (APS) when applying for admission to an Austrian institution of higher education**, so that it can be determined

- ✓ whether the submitted documents are genuine,
- ✓ whether the documents were issued to the applicant.

For first-year students:

- ✓ whether the applicant has achieved a total of at least 70% of the maximum number of points in the Chinese university entrance examination (gaokao).

Applicants who are already studying :

- ✓ whether the Chinese degree is a state-recognized bachelor's, master's or doctoral degree.

Academic Testing Center ( [www.aps.org.cn](http://www.aps.org.cn) ) of the cultural department of the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany in Beijing has been conducting authenticity checks and, if necessary, plausibility interviews, on the basis of which admission to an Austrian higher education institution (public university, private university, university of applied sciences, theological college, teacher training college or academy) is sought.

More information on the Austrian procedure at the Academic Evaluation Center at: <https://www.aps.org.cn/web/internationale-kooperationen/osterreich>

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It is recommended that scholarship holders who receive a full scholarship from the funds of an official Austrian or European scholarship program do not have to provide proof of APS verification.

**This recommendation is effective from March 1, 2022 until further notice.**