

Kombizweig at the DSJ

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1. Aim of Kombizweiges

§ Achievement of German university entrance
and
the South African
National Senior Certificate

2. Institutional frameworks

- A) Kombi agreement between Germany and South Africa
- B) Rules of the Deutsche Internationale Abitur Exam at German schools abroad-
new – from 01.01.2016
- C) Guidelines for above rules
- D) Agreement with KMK (German educational authorities)

3. Structure of the Kombizweig

- § 1. introductory phase - Grade 10
- § 2. qualification phase Grade 11 und 12

4. Introductory phase

- § Grade 10 = introductory phase
- § Promotion based on assessments of one single school year
- § Marks are given as a percentage
- § Promotion regulations for the Senior Secondary phase apply in Grade 10

Lessons in following subjects

Taught and assessed
under German specifications

German, History, Maths

Biology, Chemistry, Physics (two
sciences are compulsory)

French (choice)



Subjects under South African control

- § taught and examined according to IEB
- § English
- § Afrikaans (choice)
- § Life Orientation
- § Art/ Music (choice)
- § Sports

5. The Qualification phase

- § Includes Grades 11 and 12
- § Abitur starts on the first day of school in grade 11
- § divided into 4 conclusive semesters (11/1, 11/2, 12/1, 12/2)
- § one mark per course per semester - counting for the final qualification

Mark allocation

Marks are given according to a 15 point system

Points	percent	Points	percent	Points	percent
15	100-95%	10	74-70%	05	49-45%
14	94-90%	09	69-65%	04	44-40%
13	89-85%	08	64-60%	03	39-34%
12	84-80%	07	59-55%	02	33-27%
11	79-75%	06	54-50%	01	26-20%

Classes continue in Grade 11
and 12 in the same subjects
as in Grade 10

§ written Abitur exams - in August 2018

§ oral Abitur exams – in October 2018

Examination subjects

1st - 3rd examination subject : written

4th & 5th examination subject : oral

1. Examination subject

German –
compulsory written examination
subject

2. Examination subject

English-
compulsory written examination
subject

3. Examination subject

either

Mathematics

or

History

or

Science (Biology or Physics or Chemistry)

4th and 5th examination subject

- § Oral subjects
- § Taken from remaining subjects (Maths, History, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, French)
- § No written exam subject is allowed to be repeated as an oral assessment

Oral examination

§ 4th exam subject

§ Oral examination

§ The exam for the 5th subject is a

§ colloquium in the form of a presentation

Example

1. written exam- German
2. written exam – English
3. written exam- Mathematics
4. oral exam – History
5. oral exam - Biology

History
is a compulsory exam subject

It must be taken either as a written
or an oral final exam

Calculation of final mark

- § Marks come from two distinct categories:
- § 1. The marks gathered from the 4 semester courses (2/3)
- § 2. The marks from the final examination (1/3)

Certificate

§ Is recognised by both the German Ministry of Education in the Federal Republic of Germany as well as the South African Ministry of Education