



Information on the choice of *Foreign Language II - Intensive Spanish*

Foreign language II - intensive Spanish offers applicants with good English knowledge, but without sufficient knowledge of another foreign language or a foreign language that cannot be studied at our university, the opportunity to study *International Management*.

In order to make sure that students keep up with the high demands of this course, Hof University requires previous knowledge of Spanish corresponding to the level A2 of the CERF. If you do not fulfil this language requirement, you have the opportunity to achieve this language level by attending, for example, a four-week intensive preparatory Spanish course offered by Hof University in September, prior to the beginning of the program (see information below concerning the intensive preparatory Spanish course; fees apply!). Additionally, students must be prepared for fast-paced learning, especially during the two first semesters and, if necessary, additional tutoring.

Between the first and the second semesters, an additional intensive course will be offered. This course is part of the study program and therefore free of charge. It is comprised of two weeks of 30 contact hours and **is a requirement for moving on to the second semester of foreign language II - intensive Spanish**. Therefore, students must bear in mind that there will be an additional two week-period of intensive lessons during the break between the first and second semesters!

Beginning with the third semester, students will join the regular Spanish II classes, if possible.

After the year abroad there will be no distinction made between foreign language II – Spanish (regular) and foreign language II - Spanish (intensive). For this reason, students should strongly consider spending part of this stay abroad in a Spanish-speaking country.

What requirements must be fulfilled prior to the beginning of the foreign language II – intensive Spanish?

If your Spanish level is in accordance with the CEFR (Common European Framework of Reference for Languages) – Level **A2** requirements, you are sufficiently prepared for our foreign language II – intensive Spanish.

Normally, you can fulfill this language requirement by:

- Successful participation in a Spanish language course comprised of at least 4 hours a week during one complete (!) school year
- Successful participation in a Spanish language course comprised of two years of at least 2 hours a week (e.g. elective course, further education center)
- Successful participation in an intensive course (minimum duration: four to six weeks, around 120 lessons)

If you completed your last Spanish course a long time ago, we strongly encourage you to consider attending a refresher course.

Concerning grammar, we expect students to be able to use verbs in the present, as well as in the past tenses Pretérito Perfecto and Indefinido, the pronouns and the affirmative imperative.

Moreover, students should acquire basic vocabulary on the following general topics:

Presenting oneself and the family, giving directions, countries, flats and people, preferences and hobbies, daily routines, activities of daily life such as shopping, dates, phone calls, curriculum vitae, telling of short stories.

In addition, students should have a basic geographical and cultural knowledge of Spain and several Spanish regions, as well as of one or more Latin American countries.

Finally, we expect students to be able to express themselves orally and in written form regarding topics dealt with during the teaching units, as well as to voice personal views.

In case I don't have the required Spanish level, what should I do?

In order to prepare students for the program of foreign language II – intensive Spanish, Hof University offers a four-week intensive Spanish preparatory course in September (see information about this course; fees apply!). Here students will focus on acquiring the prerequisite knowledge and on becoming familiar with the university and their new surroundings. We recommend an early inscription because of the limited number of course places!

Alternatively, you can also attend a language course offered by another language teaching institution (e.g. language course in Spain, Instituto Cervantes, etc.). Please make sure that the lessons include the above mentioned contents. Usually, after 120 to 150 lessons, you will have acquired the necessary knowledge.

If you are not sure whether your language level is sufficient, please contact Mrs. Meßner-Chuchuy at your earliest convenience (a.messner-chuchuy@hof-university.de).