

Information on the choice of foreign language II - intensive *Spanish* (as a newly learned foreign language)

Foreign language II - intensive Spanish (as a newly learned foreign language) offers applicants with good English knowledge, but without another foreign language or a foreign language that cannot be studied at our university, the opportunity to study *International Management*. Due to the fact that learning a foreign language requires a large investment of time, of which full-time students have a limited amount, students cannot proceed with this program without certain previously acquired knowledge. This last sentence is totally unnecessary, and does not fit with the content of the paragraph.

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. This knowledge can be acquired in the time period between final examinations and the beginning of the study program; for example, in an intensive preparatory Spanish course offered by Hof University prior to the beginning of the program (see information below concerning the intensive preparatory Spanish course). 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.

In order to acquire the previous knowledge of Spanish necessary for program admission when choosing foreign language II – Intensive Spanish, Hof University offers an intensive Spanish preparatory course in September (see information about this course). Here students will focus on acquiring the prerequisite knowledge and on becoming familiar with the university and their new surroundings.