



Competent language training with the focus on self-reliance

We hone our training and educational programs to the requirements of the market and the working world. We are committed to a pedagogical concept that is geared perfectly to the tutoring of adults. At the same time, we also attach the greatest importance to the continual encouragement of students to become independent and acquire knowledge on their own initiative. Our staff is international - with more than 50 per cent of the teachers coming from English-, French or Spanish-speaking parts of the world. Working together with German lecturers, translators and interpreters they provide practice-oriented specialist instruction in such subjects as commercial correspondence, specialist translation, computer-aided translation, general translation and interpreting.

Our commitment goes beyond a mere transfer of knowledge

Alongside the training in language and theory the Institute also organizes a wide range of projects, workshops and extra-mural undertakings. Students improve their knowledge and cultivate their contacts by participating in visits to companies and trips abroad. Top-level international educational collaboration also sees our students move on to Bachelor's and Master's courses and EU exchange programs. With all the important tools for computer-aided translation, computer rooms and a conference interpreting suite we pride ourselves in being on the cutting edge. Our cozy cafeteria and school gardens are there when students need to switch off for a while.



Where we are and how to find us

Conveniently located and easy to find – Munich Municipal Foreign Languages Institute is housed in an attractive and historic building in the heart of the city's university district and is just a 5-minute walk from 'University' underground station.

If you would like to find out more about us and what we have to offer, check out our website, send us an e-mail or drop by yourself in person. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our office hours

Mon - Thur: 7.30am to noon
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Geared to practice, the future, the world



A unique opportunity for students in Bavaria

FIM is Bavaria's only publicly-run training establishment for foreign-language careers. We are part of the city of Munich's vocational training facilities. Courses and qualifications at our Institute are non-fee-paying.

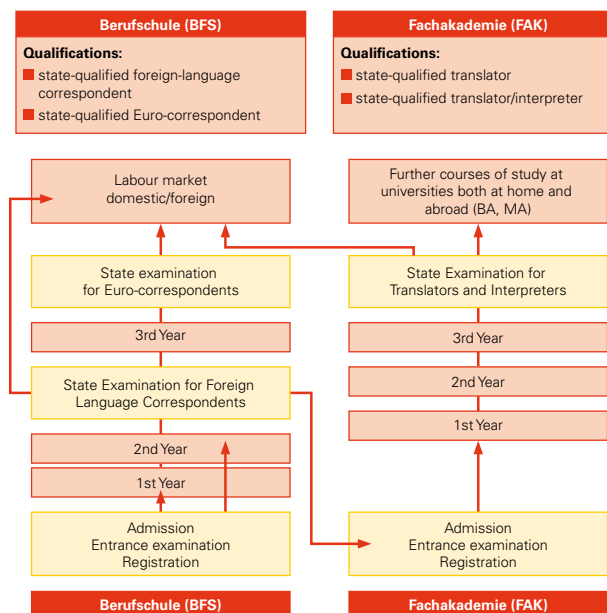
Our institute specializes in qualifications for careers with foreign languages

There are two avenues of learning for those wishing to obtain professional language qualifications:

- At our *BFS* vocational training school students graduate to become a state-qualified foreign-language correspondent.
- At our *FAK* specialist academy students graduate to become a state-qualified translator and a state-qualified interpreter.
- These qualifications may be pursued in a choice of three languages: English | French | Spanish.
- Both courses require students to take a first and a **second** foreign language.
- They focus for the purposes of workplace requirements on either of two specialist fields of study: an economics bias | an engineering bias.

The two avenues of learning: Berufsfachschule (BFS) or Fachakademie (FAK)

Here is a brief overview of the length, organisation and structure of the two courses.



- A substantial number of our BFS graduates are pursuing demanding office careers, most of them in international companies, institutions and organisations.
- For our graduates from the FAK there are many professional doors open: translation or interpreting work either free-lance or permanently employed, jobs with international companies and organisations, with translations services, patent attorneys, agencies, banks, insurance companies, the media and in education.

We look back over a long tradition of internationality and cosmopolitanism

Our institute was founded in 1945, first as the city's Municipal Language School. In 1974 it then became a vocational college, part of the city of Munich's vocational training program. The Fachakademie was added in 1979, opening up more professional horizons. Over the following years the courses were enhanced and streamlined to cope with the new professional demands emanating from the growing field of European and international cooperation and from globalisation.

The focus of all our efforts however has always been on our students. Their professional and personal development has always been very important to us. They come from all kinds of countries, from very different backgrounds, and they have all kinds of talents to put into their training. Intercultural communication is part of everyday life at FIM.

As a cosmopolitan institute we are committed to the diversity of cultures, to openness and fairness in an atmosphere of trust and mutual appreciation.

