Postgraduate course of study

German Language Teacher (FHM)
The number of refugees searching for a new home and a perspective in Germany, has risen greatly in the last few years. As a result, the demand has increased for qualified teachers for German as a foreign language (DaF) and German as a second language (DaZ). The University of Applied Sciences (FHM) offers an eight months long extra-occupational certified course for the German Language Teacher.

In order to be able to integrate the refugees into the German society and economy, it is important that both everyday life situations and professional job situations can be managed linguistically. Thus, learning German forms one of the most important foundation stones for these people. For the language instruction, teachers are necessary who, in particular, are qualified in “German as a foreign language” and/or able to teach “German as a second language”. During the course intercultural and pedagogic competencies are provided for the professional teaching in integration courses.

It is the objective of the FHM certificate course to provide methodical/didactical knowledge for the foreign language instruction. That includes the basic knowledge transfer for the acquisition of the language for the learner.

In order to be able to teach in integration courses in Germany as a teacher, you need a permit of the federal office for migration and fugitives (BAMF). To receive this permit, certain criteria are to be proven - the additional qualification in the field DaF/DaZ is normally required. Of course, on successful completion of this course you can also teach the German language abroad. The University of Applied Sciences (FHM) has already experience in the field of working with foreign students for many years. The university lecturers within the framework of the certificate course of studies have accordingly comprehensive experience - both in the foreign-language teaching and in the field of intercultural competence acquisition.

The successful participation in all teaching events of the certificate study is certified by a university certificate of the University of Applied Sciences (FHM). Points are awarded in total of 28 ECTS.
Job description and career chances

You have already completed a teaching training course or you are currently a trainee teacher? You are a qualified foreign language correspondent, interpreter or translator? Possibly you are also pedagogically active and would like to qualify yourself in a second field in refugee integration? Then the further education course of study “DaF-/DaZ teacher” is the correct choice for you because this qualification opens for you, among other things, the professional field of activity “teacher in integration courses”. Your scopes of duties as a future DaF /DaZ teacher are very diverse and can extend from the language promotion in kindergartens and schools, over the grammar in integration courses of educational facilities, up to business German language training negotiation context in companies.

The certificate course of the University of Applied Sciences (FHM) trains you for a wide spectrum of professional opportunities. Not only for instruction in the immigration field, but also for an activity at universities, in educational facilities, at (language) schools and professional courses of lectures, in kindergartens or companies. On successful completion of our certificate course, you can also teach in schools abroad and abroad, for example in cultural centres or community colleges.

Form of Study

Part-Time/In-Service (Blended Learning concept)

Study Location: Bamberg, Berlin, Bielefeld, Hannover, München, Pulheim
Starting dates: Februar, Juni, Oktober
Duration: 8 months, In-service or study-accompanying
Scope of study: 28 ECTS including approx. 150 contact hours and E-Learning
Price: 1.750,00 Euros (payable by instalment) refund of the costs possible via the BAMF (see www.bamf.de)
Description of course

The University of Applied Sciences (FHM) has for years been setting the emphasis with regard to its Bachelor, Master, MBA-programs, Doctoral and Postgraduate sectors upon extra-occupational courses of studies. These join presence days, online lectures and private study together on the basis of a Blended-Learning-Concept. This makes it possible for the participant to keep on qualifying him-/herself and at the same time to be available to the employer for standard classical working hours. In this study model, you can blend profession, family and studies harmoniously into your schedule!

The presence phases at the FHM are planned as defined appointments, normally on fridays and on saturdays, one weekend per month. In this case, class schedules and course material form the basis for an efficient preparation and accompany the classes and lectures.

Additionally, online classes are offered at regular intervals in the virtual classrooms. In these lessons, the students, equipped with microphone and headphones, discuss with their university lecturers. The advantage is that participation is possible from home or from the workplace. Thus, travel time and costs can be reduced for the student.

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The University of Applied Sciences (FHM) and the Institute for Further Education and Competence Development (IWK)

The FHM which of course is government approved, qualifies specialist and executive personnel for the SME commercial and industrial sectors with business administration know-how in its many accredited Bachelor, Master, Doctoral and MBS courses. In close cooperation with enterprises, associations and public institutions, the FHM develops and implements scientifically well-founded studies and subjects for further education offers as well as research and development projects.

The Institute for Further Education and Competence Development (IWK) is the further education and knowledge transfer partner of the FHM. With further education certificate courses of studies, seminars and meetings, the IWK offers an optimal learning environment to specialists and managers who like to develop themselves professionally and personally. Professional and experienced university teachers and lecturers safeguard a competent and well-founded qualification in the courses of further education.