

## Studienseminar für Gymnasien in Frankfurt am Main



The [Studienseminar für Gymnasien](#) (Teacher Training College for Grammar Schools) in Frankfurt am Main is a service provider of the *Land* (State) *Hessen* specialising in preparing trainee teachers for teaching in grammar schools in the space of 24 months. The entry requirement is successful completion of the first state exam (ability to teach pupils up to 16 years of age (KS 4) in secondary school) in two subjects.

The *Studienseminar* focuses on placements as well as education studies and social sciences. It aims to develop competencies in the areas of planning, teaching and reflective practice by consulting, supervising and educating. A series of basic principles of general pedagogical and didactical theory and reflective teaching practice form the basis of the training. Further general professional studies for future teachers are offered in the form of a wide range of courses on general pedagogy, use of different resources, tutorials etc.

At present approximately 235 trainees are graduating from the first stage of teacher training. The successful completion of the second stage allows them to apply for posts in Secondary schools in Germany.

The *Studienseminar* also provides adaptation courses for teachers from EU member states who wish to take up employment in *Hessen*. These courses last between 8 and 36 months.

Within the framework of the co-operation agreement with the IUFM d'Aquitaine, trainee teachers with appropriate language skills are able to participate in a three-week exchange programme in France, i.e. they visit training schools of the partner institute and plan lessons in tandem with the *professeurs stagiaires* (French teacher trainees) in various subjects. The same tandems also work together during the reciprocal visit to Germany so that co-operation lasts a total of six weeks.

Moreover the *Studienseminar* supervises "*professeurs stagiaires*" (in a combination of subjects: history/geography/politics and economy) assisted by the Johann Wolfgang Goethe-University as part of the *Programme d'Etudes en Allemagne* each year from January to March. The "*professeurs stagiaires*" aim to obtain a qualification to teach their specialist subjects in France in two languages - in French and German.

Approximately 60 teacher trainers work in the *Studienseminar* for grammar schools in Frankfurt. These staff also teach in school. The range of training includes all subjects in the Hessen state curriculum apart from Information Technology. The *Studienseminar* works together with 24 training schools in Frankfurt am Main. One quarter of these schools, including two European schools, offer bilingual courses (English, French, and Italian) leading to examination. Further information can be found on the website of the *Studienseminar*.

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