



College for Occupations in the Service Industries Sector (COSIS), Fohnsdorf

Training level and duration: year 9 onwards for 5 years. Finishing with the Austrian Matura examinations.

Areas of Instruction:

COSIS Fohnsdorf provides a comprehensive general education alongside a general commercial training, subject-specific application of two modern foreign languages (English and either French or Italian), and training in the areas of catering and tourism, kitchen management and organisation, administration and customer service, and nutrition.

Students must also complete practical training in the summer for 12 weeks between their third and fourth years in one of the following areas: tourism, nutrition, clerical or management administration, or hospitality. This prepares students to work later as either employees, or as entrepreneurs.

Professional Skills:

COSIS Fohnsdorf has a specialty in the use of modern foreign languages in business and project management, and encourages students to undertake internationally recognised business language examinations, for example the Cambridge Business English Certificate, for which the school is an authorised examination centre for.

Leavers are frequently employed in international positions requiring high levels of responsibility, for example in management, marketing, accounting, and finance, as a result of the training received while attending COSIS Fohnsdorf. In these situations the focus at school on the use of foreign languages in project management becomes invaluable.

Careers Access:

The vocational training received by students at COSIS Fohnsdorf is of a high level and this results in many students being hired for management-level positions after leaving the school. Additionally after completing the full five-year course, graduates have the required qualification to start their own business in the hotel and restaurant business, or commerce sector. Upon taking further examinations they are also able to work or start businesses in many other areas such as travel, property, and consultancy.

University Access:

Successfully completing the full five-year programme at COSIS Fohnsdorf entitles students to begin studies at a university, or other tertiary educational establishment.