



INFORMATION REGARDING FOREIGN-LANGUAGE BUSINESS INTERNSHIPS IN YEAR 11

At the Salzmannschule Schnepfenthal, we place special emphasis on cultivating foreign language skills.

Through our focus on modern languages, our goal is for students to develop the ability to act in foreign languages contexts, particularly in situations requiring intercultural understanding and communication.

In this sense, acting in foreign language contexts means not only interacting in social situations, but also obtaining varied, exemplary, and authentic insights into the daily realities of those living within other linguistic and cultural spheres, so that students may reflect and act on these new insights accordingly.

In accordance with this philosophy, all students in Year 11 perform obligatory foreign-language business internships.

These take place over a period of four weeks and normally begin two weeks before autumn break.

The school allocates internship positions in foreign countries and is responsible for organizing them, though private alternatives may also be utilized both domestically and abroad.

Organizations that qualify as internship providers include foreign educational institutions, public institutions or non-profit organizations, and domestic and foreign companies.

Insurance coverage is already provided for the duration of the internship when it is conducted in Germany. Interns in other countries must obtain private insurance on their own.

In addition, the internships are privately financed by the interns and their families.

During the internship, students also prepare a report about their internship experience.

At a minimum, the following key goals should be attainable through the foreign-language business internship:

- Improvement of language ability
- Broadening and deepening of knowledge concerning the history, culture, and geography, as well as the social, economic, and political circumstances of the country where the internship takes place
- Insight into business, structural, or organizational operations of a company, public institution, non-profit organization, or educational institution
- Progress on an extended essay with a topic related to the country of the internship or, as the case may be, the provider of the internship.

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