

New WIHOGA Campus opened in January 2007

WIHOGA Dortmund (Germany) is one of the most innovative hospitality management schools in Germany.



The school building provides space and facilities for a modern educational environment and the campus consists of a newly build dorm with 150 single apartments. Students will be supported by an optimal learning environment, including innovative equipment, natural lit classrooms with park outlooks, and free internet and intranet access (partly by wireless connections) on campus. The WIHOGA Dortmund campus is situated in the south of Dortmund, easily reachable by public transportation and by car, and next to the Romberg Park Botanical Gardens, a spacious landscaped public park in the English romantic tradition. All in all a campus setting ideal for studying and living.

WIHOGA Dortmund is one of the most renowned German institutions for the education of future managers in the hospitality industry. Founded in 1959 it is still run by a private organisation: The Hotel and Restaurant Employers Association North Rhine-Westphalia (NRW). The school is re-financed and supervised by the state NRW.

Two different types of education are currently offered:

- “Wirtschaftsfachschule”
School of Management for the Hospitality Industry
(360 students)
- “Hotelberufsfachschule”
Technical College (Preparatory Year)
(60 - 100 students)

Wirtschaftsfachschule (School of Management for the Hospitality Industry)

- two-year (= four semesters) further education (full-time)
- Average age of students on entry: 24 years
- Entry qualifications:
Successful completion of secondary school (general education) plus
Certificate of Apprenticeship in one of the accepted branches of the
hospitality industry (professional training) plus
one year (minimum) of practical work in the hospitality industry
- Course objectives:
to provide graduates with the necessary qualifications to successfully work
in the middle or top management of hotels, restaurants and related
branches
- Course curriculum:
During the first year major emphasis is attributed to introducing and
implementing business administration, information technology, accounting
methods and techniques, to improving professional qualifications already
acquired through practical work as well as to increasing the students`
knowledge in foreign languages.
During the second year special difficulties in business administration, tax
and labour regulations and information technology, questions of human
relations and training of staff are points of particular interest.
- Special qualification courses in contract catering as well as in tourism and
convention management are offered during the second year.
- International recognition:
graduates of the Wirtschaftsfachschule qualify for graduate school (MBA
programme) at Johnson & Wales University, Providence, R.I., USA.
- Status of teaching staff:
Most members of staff have an academic degree, others higher vocational
training and long-standing practical experience in the industry.
- Tuition language: German
- Tuition fees: 1.050 EUR – 1.500 per semester

Hotelberufsfachschule (Preparatory Year)

- one year (before the beginning of the apprenticeship in the “Dual System”)
- full-time vocational school
- Students are trained for all professions in the hospitality industry as cooks, hotel clerks and hotel administration clerks.
- 50% theoretical + 50% practical training sessions
- Practical training in the departments:
kitchen, restaurant, bistro, reception, housekeeping, administration
- Tuition language: German
- Tuition fee: 1.800 EUR incl. lunch

Under the label “***Business Upgrade Programs***” WIHOGA also offers numerous part-time seminars off the job, including a one-week summer academy . Most of these programs are joint ventures between WIHOGA and other renowned institutions of the German and European hospitality industry and will guarantee profound qualifications to the participants and worthy investments in their professional future.

From October 2011 graduates from all German hotel management schools will be able to register for an 18-month **Executive MBA program** (part time) at WIHOGA Dortmund. This program is offered by WIHOGA in cooperation with HFU (Germany) and validated and awarded by the University of Wales (GB).

Dortmund is a city in North West Germany, the biggest city in the Ruhr area with a population of about 600000, located in the province of North Rhine-Westphalia.

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