

## LEARN EXTRAORDINARILY!

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This is the motto of the lessons at the Bundeshandelsakademie [BHAK] für Führung und Sicherheit [Federal Commercial College for Leadership and Security], a school unique in Austria.

The "BHAK für Führung und Sicherheit" started school on 2 September 2019 on the campus of the Military Academy. About 50 students are admitted per year. Half of the places are allocated to pupils in full care [boarding school], i.e. they are admitted to the dormitory. The costs for full care amount to approx. € 400.- per month and include accommodation, meals and partly school and teaching materials.



The aim of the school is to educate graduates,

- ▶ who can act as security managers,
- ▶ who can identify and understand current economic and security policy challenges
- ▶ who, after further training, can operate in the field of blue-light organisations and public safety,
- ▶ know the concepts for safety and security in the fields of risk, emergency, crisis and safety management and be able to participate in their creation
- ▶ who can find their way around in an international environment and understand foreign cultures, are trained in dealing with physical and psychological stress
- ▶ and are qualified to exercise a higher commercial profession in the field of safety and security management.





The apprenticeship lasts five years and ends with the a-levels.

The objectives are achieved by closely linking the school with the commercial, business and safety/security management sectors. In addition to the regular lessons, a training emphasis is placed on personal leadership skills, general leadership pedagogy, security managers and cyber security, coordination and stamina as well as physical and mental performance [sport], which are offered in a way appropriate to the age of the students. Great importance is attached to practical relevance and preparation for actual working life.

*"In the core area we are a business school", says headmaster Manfred Weigert. " But we also offer our pupils two additional focal points that are independent of the school: leadership and security. Two topics that are currently of great importance and will play an even greater role in our society in the future."*

Other main focuses of the school are the expansion of language skills - in addition to English and French, Russian is also offered - and sports.



