

## A Mini Portrait of the Hotel Management School of Thun

Foundation Year	1986		
Legal Form	Foundation; Mr Philipp Näpflin: president of the foundation		
Supporting Institutions	The Canton of Berne, The Town Council of Thun, "hotelleriesuisse"		
Type of School	Technical College		
Commission	The education of qualified and managerial personnel in the hotel and catering industry System- and cooperative gastronomy		
Educational Qualification	"Qualified Hotel and Catering Manager / Manageress HF" (With Swiss Federal Registration and Recognition)		
Principal	Mr Christoph Rohn		
Staff and Employees	25 Teaching staff and 28 employees and auxiliary staff 50 Mandated lecturers		
Number of Students	The maximum number of enrolled students is 300		
Matriculation Requirements	Recognised qualification at secondary level II Commercial qualification or matriculation examination At least 20 years of age, 8 months of work in the hospitality trade, knowledge of English and French, ability to use the touch-typing method at a PC.		
Language in which Lessons are conducted	German		
Length of Course	6 Semesters alternating between theoretical and practical instruction. Trained chefs are exempt from attending the first semester. HF Thun is the only hotel management school in Switzerland also to offer its course as a part-time option (compatible with a 50 to 80% work commitment).		
Instruction	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Kitchen	8 weeks
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester	Gastronomy & Catering, Economy & Law, Language & Communication	19 weeks
	4 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Hospitality, Language & Communication	19 weeks
	6 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Hospitality, Language & Communication	19 weeks
Work Placements	1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	Kitchen	4 months
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester	Service, Front Office, Housekeeping (possible abroad)	6 months
	5 <sup>th</sup> Semester	Junior Management Restaurant- or Hotel Management (possible abroad)	6 months
Post-Graduate Studies HF «Hotel Management»	Post-graduate studies HF are the highest level of managerial qualification awarded by the hotel industry. The registered qualification is "Qualified Hotel Manager NDS HF".		
Quality Management	The quality management of the school is subject to the guidelines of the <i>Business Excellence</i> , respectively the <i>EFQM Management Model</i> .		