

Mission Statement

Fachbereich Translations-, Sprach- und Kulturwissenschaft Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz (FTSK)

The Faculty (FTSK) sees itself a community dedicated to learning, teaching and research, a place for intercultural education and academic reflection in an open and international atmosphere. It is committed to achieving the goals, fulfilling the tasks and upholding the values outlined in the mission statement of the Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz. Its defining characteristic is its diversity of languages and cultures.

The Faculty's research and teaching activities are focused on the areas of translation and interpreting as well as related domains involving interlingual and intercultural communication.

The Faculty's interdisciplinary profile covers the fields of translation and interpreting studies as well as linguistics and cultural studies. The wide range of language-specific and non-language specific courses offered at the FTSK, gives students the opportunity to develop a high level of academic competence and excellent intercultural communication skills. In respect of its research activities, the Faculty considers it particularly important to promote both field-specific and interdisciplinary projects, whereby the main focus is on inter-university and international cooperation. Special emphasis is placed on supporting junior academic staff in their efforts to obtain doctoral and post-doctoral qualifications.

The Faculty also runs a Continuing Education and Training program with a wide range of courses.

The Faculty is characterized by its diversity of languages and cultures. Currently, students can choose between twelve languages and five complementary subjects for study. The Faculty has established partnerships with more than 100 foreign universities providing the framework for scientific cooperation and exchange programs for both students and faculty staff. The Faculty offers a particularly open and international environment to its students from 80 different countries.