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Copenhagen Business School closes down interpreter- and translator courses

Foreign languages have – alongside knowledge about markets and cultural differences – been among the core competences at CBS for a long time. The declining number of applicants for some of the language curricula, however, signify, that it will no longer be possible to maintain the quality of tuition necessary for this education .

This why the CBS plans a radical innovation of foreign language knowledge through new offers for courses. Simultaneously, a number of linguistic courses will be wound down in their present form.

During an extraordinary board meeting this Friday 18 January 2008 the board therefore decided to close down interpreter- and translator training programmes in all other languages than English. CBS only admitted a total of 28 students in 2007 to these programmes – 3 for French, 5 for Italian, 2 for Russian , 8 for Spanish and 10 for German.

This decision – among other things – signifies, that as of 2008 it shall no longer be possible to be admitted to a study-programme which leads to an authorisation as interpreter or translator for Spanish, German, French, Russian and Italian.. Copenhagen Business School is at present the sole provider of the two latter of the mentioned programmes in this country.

”It ought to be a national task to ensure, that the required numbers of authorised interpreters and translators for Danish businesses and the community at large be trained. We have pointed this out to the Ministry and the "Folketing" (Parliament), but the required proficiency and competences for authorised interpreters and translators are so extensive that the financial subsidies for these programmes are totally inadequate. Throughout many years, we have maintained programmes for translators and interpreters at the necessary high level of quality, but at a considerable financial deficit. We are sincerely sorry that we have been forced to take this decision", says the dean for education-programmes at the CBS, Jan Molin.

The board furthermore decided to discontinue intake of students as of 2008 in the data linguistics programme and the bachelor-programme "English language and knowledge technology" as well as the programmes for Italian and Russian.

Students, who already follow one of the three bachelor-programmes, will be able to finish their programmes, including specialisation studies. However, they will not be able to opt for an interpreter- or translator profile, and cannot opt for specialisation in data linguistics either.

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