

School of International Studies, Status, Legal Information (*Rechtsauskunft DAK*)

The Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research, acting in its capacity as ENIC NARIC AUSTRIA, herewith gives the following information on the status of the Vienna School of International Studies (*Diplomatische Akademie Wien*):

1. The Vienna School of International Studies is an institution of scientific postgraduate education (art. 2 para. 1 of the Federal Act on the “Diplomatische Akademie Wien” – DAK-Gesetz 1996, BGBl. No. 178/1996, as amended). It is at the same time an institution of post-secondary education in the meaning of art. 51 para. 2 subpara. 1 of the Universities Act 2002 – UG, BGBl. I No. 120/2002, and of art. 4 para. 2 of the Universities of Applied Sciences Act – FHG, BGBl. No. 340/1993, as amended. It is an establishment of public law under the supervision of the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs.
2. The Vienna School of International Studies offers the following programmes (art. 4 para. 1 of the DAK-Gesetz 1996):
 - postgraduate courses (“diploma courses”), which lead, provided successful completion, to a Diploma, otherwise to a Certificate.
 - postgraduate higher study programme for international studies (“higher programmes”) which are carried out in cooperation with the University of Vienna and which lead, provided successful completion, to the award of the academic degree “Master of Advanced International Studies”, abbreviation “M.A.I.S.”, by the University of Vienna, otherwise to a Certificate.
 - special programmes and seminars.
3. Regarding the use of the academic degree “Master of Advanced International Studies”, awarded by the University of Vienna, art. 88 UG applies. This academic degree can, as it is the case with all other advanced master degrees, be used after the name and be entered in documents.

4. According to art. 4 para. 3 of the DAK-Gesetz 1996, the academic degree “Master of Advanced International Studies” entitles the holder to admission to a subject-relevant doctoral programme at a university. This is a provision particular to art. 64 para. 4 UG. Moreover, the Vienna School of International Studies is entitled to collaborate with universities in the execution of doctoral programmes.