

Holding Academic Degrees

According to § 3 section 1 of the University Accreditation Act, private universities are authorised to award academic degrees to graduates of their academic programmes.

Each department or subject area must specify the internationally comparable academic degrees – both in long and abbreviated form – in its curricula.

Academic degrees must be held by the awardee in the same form which is stated on the award certificate. The academic degree must appear in the award certificate in the same form given in the accreditation decision.

In accordance with § 88 section 2 of the University Act of 2002, academic degrees such as “Mag.”, “Dr.” and “Dipl.-Ing.” (“DI”) shall precede the name if used and other academic degrees (such as B.A., Bachelor, Master and PhD) shall follow it.

The right to hold an academic degree entitles the bearer in principle also to register the degree in public certifications.