

## Directive Concerning the Declaration of Independent Work in Evaluation of Students' Work, due to the Coronavirus-Pandemic

April 28, 2022

*The Faculty of Law of the University of Bern,*

based on Article 10 of the COVID-19 Regulations 2 of the University of Bern of August 21, 2020 (current as of February 1, 2022),

*resolves:*

### DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENT WORK

**Art. 1** <sup>1</sup> Supplementing Article 42 of the Study Regulations RW of June 21, 2007 (with amendments of May 14, 2009, and May 22, 2014), Article 12 of the Doctoral Regulations of August 18, 2011, and corresponding provisions regarding the declaration of independent work in the regulations concerning continuing education of the Faculty of Law, a declaration of independent work may be requested for all evaluations of students' work (that is, also in written and oral examinations).

<sup>2</sup> The declaration of independent work regarding written and oral examinations must include the last name, the first name, and the matriculation number, as well as the subject assessed and the date. It must be available to the person responsible for conducting the examination immediately following the examination.

<sup>3</sup> The declaration of independent work regarding written and oral examinations reads as follows:

"I hereby declare that I have completed this examination independently, that no other persons have assisted me, and that I have not used any non-permitted supporting materials. I have not used any sources other than those indicated. All passages, whose wording or meaning was taken from any sources, are cited and distinctly noted as such. I am aware that, should the foregoing not be true, this examination will be given the grade of 1.0 and that the University Senate can revoke any academic title obtained based on this examination, pursuant to Article 36(1)(r) of the University Act of September 5, 1996 (UniG).

For the purpose of grading and verifying compliance with this Declaration of Independent Work and with the University's Regulations on Plagiarism, I hereby grant the University of Bern the right to process the necessary personal data and to use the written examination, in particular to make copies, to store it permanently in a database, and to use it to verify the independence of work by others or to make it available for such purpose."

<sup>4</sup> If necessary, the persons responsible for conducting the examination will adjust the wording above to fit the modality of the

examination in question, in particular with regard to the duty to cite sources.

PERIOD OF VALIDITY

**Art. 2** <sup>1</sup> The present Directive is valid until July 31, 2022.

<sup>2</sup> It also applies to examinations that relate to courses taken in the Spring Semester 2022, but expires on January 31, 2023, at the latest.

ENTRY INTO FORCE

**Art. 3** The present Directive enters into force upon resolution of the Faculty of Law. It replaces the Directive of November 18, 2021.

Bern, April 28, 2022

On behalf of the Faculty of Law  
The Dean:

Prof. Dr. Andreas Lienhard