



Information sheet: PLAGIARISM

What is plagiarism?

- Intellectual property theft
- Wrongful appropriation of someone else's written, artistic, scientific or other work, thoughts or ideas and their publication
- Also: work that is the product of plagiarism

Procedure for discovering plagiarism:

Lecturers are asked to report clear cases of plagiarism to the Dean's Office/Office of the Dean of Studies. Depending on the severity of the case, the Dean's Office will send an email or a letter outlining the charges and consequences.

What are the consequences of verifiable cases of plagiarism?

Plagiarism cases are treated as follows:

Lecture, course with examination: fail or Grade 1

Written works:

- Grade 1
- The work cannot be repeated as part of the same seminar; the student concerned must attend another seminar (this must be checked individually)
- In the event of recurrence: exmatriculation for one or more semesters

Bachelor's or master's thesis:

- Grade 1 after the first attempt
- In the event of recurrence: grade 1 and exclusion from the program of study

Faculty representatives: Prof. Jennifer Keiser and Prof. Olivier Potterat

The faculty representatives advise on matters of academic integrity. They are contacted in cases of suspected misconduct and act as arbitrators. If no agreement is reached, they forward the complaint to the University's Integrity Officer.

The basis for this information sheet:

- Regulations relating to academic integrity at the University of Basel
- Regulations relating to the bachelor's and master's degree programs at the Faculty of Science of the University of Basel (§ 20)
- Website of the University of Basel:
<https://www.unibas.ch/en/Research/Research-in-Basel/Values-and-Principles.html>

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