

Academic Code of Conduct**Ensuring good scientific practice in study courses: The procedure followed by the Institute of European Urban Studies at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar in cases of plagiarism**

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The Institute of European Urban Studies (IfEU) at the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar is unconditionally subject to the guidelines and principles of the Bauhaus-Universität Weimar. The Bauhaus-Universität Weimar Announcement 14/2012 (MdU) of 24. May 2012, establishes guidelines for ensuring good scientific practice. (the relevant Announcement is also available in English at the IfEU)

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Seminar papers as an academic achievement

1. Seminar papers in the context of a course represent an academic achievement and are therefore subject to the rules of good scientific practice.

Basic principle of good scientific practice: respect for the intellectual property of others

2. The use of statements and/or lines of argumentation of others – whether verbatim or reformulated – requires appropriate notation in the form of direct or indirect citation according to standard scientific norms.

Definition of plagiarism

3. Papers in which statements and/or main lines of argumentation of others are used without clear indication in accordance with standard scientific norms of citation are considered cases of plagiarism and thus attempted fraud. Even plagiarism only in parts of the paper is considered attempted fraud, if these parts are significant in extent or argument. Imprecise citation must also be considered attempted fraud, when it is not possible to clearly correlate the original material to the text of the seminar paper, or when the original material can not be located due to inadequate citation. The course examiner takes the final decision on whether or not a paper is considered attempted fraud.

Consequences of plagiarism

4. Seminar papers which are considered plagiarism as defined above result in evaluation with the mark "5" – "failed."
5. **In proven cases of attempted fraud, the student in question must repeat the examination, with the consequences as foreseen in the Study and Examination Regulations.**

Group papers

6. The rules laid out here are also valid for group papers. In the case of group papers in which the individual sections are not clearly marked, the entire group paper will receive the mark "5" – "failed" in accordance with Point 4 of this position paper.