

Study Plan for the Minor Study Program in Law on the Bachelor's and Master's Levels at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern

of June 21, 2007 (current as of August 1, 2017)

The Faculty of Law of the University of Bern,

based on Article 39(1)(l) of the University Act of September 5, 1996 (Universitätsgesetz, UniG), on Article 44 of the University of Bern Bylaws of June 7, 2011 (Universitätsstatut, UniSt), and the Regulations Concerning the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs and Evaluation of Students' Work at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern (Study Regulations RW [RSL RW]),

issues the following Study Plan:

I. General Provisions

FUNCTION AND CONTENT

Art. 1 This Study Plan contains the implementing regulations for all minor study programs in law. The minor study programs at the Bachelor's level are open to students of all faculties of the University of Bern. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*.

SCOPE

Art. 2 The Faculty of Law offers minor study programs for students of other faculties at the Bachelor's level in the amount of 15, 30, and 60 ECTS and at the Master's level in the amount of 30 ECTS. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*

APPLICABLE LAW

Art. 3 In all matters relating to the studies and the evaluation of students' work, the Regulations Concerning the Bachelor's and Master's Degree Programs and Evaluation of Students' Work at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bern of April 26, 2007 apply.

DURATION

Art. 4 The duration of study of the minor study programs is based on the standard period of study for the major. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*

EVALUATION OF STUDENTS' WORK

Art. 5 ¹ Lectures that are part of minor programs at the Bachelor's level are usually examined as part of the exams of the Bachelor's single-subject program in law. In exceptional cases, certain lectures may also be examined outside of the regular examinations.

² Lectures that are part of the minor programs at the Master's level are examined after the end of the semester as part of the

examination of the single-subject program in law with a written examination of 2 hours or an oral examination of 20 minutes. The lecturer announces, at the latest in the middle of the semester, whether the examination will be taken orally or in writing.

³ The final grade of the minor study program at the Bachelor's and Master's level is calculated from the average of the grades of the individual examinations weighted according to their ECTS credits. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*

⁴ To obtain the average grade, the third digit after the comma is rounded to the second, with numbers less than 5 being rounded down.

⁵ Students may repeat any examination with a failing grade once; the result of the second examination counts.

⁶ The minor is passed if the overall grade average is at least 4.0. Failing grades can be compensated with sufficient grades.

⁷ ... *[Repealed on 24.05.2011]*

II. Minors Offered at the Bachelor's Level for Students of Other Faculties

ECONOMIC LAW, 15 ECTS

Art. 6 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Economic Law in the amount of 15 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² In this minor, all courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

³ This minor will be completed with a four-hour examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(d) RSL RW.

Art. 7 *[Repealed on 24.11.2016]*

LAW OF OBLIGATIONS AND
ECONOMIC LAW, 30 ECTS
[Inserted on 4.17.2008]

Art. 7b ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in the Law of Obligations and Economic Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties. *[Inserted on 17.4.2008]*

² In this minor, all courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed. *[Inserted on 17.4.2008]*

³ This minor will be completed with a two-hour examination in Private Law pursuant to Article 12(1)(a) RSL RW and a four-hour examination in Economic Law pursuant to Article 17(1)(d) RSL RW. *[Inserted on 17.4.2008]*

PUBLIC LAW, 15 ECTS

Art. 8 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Public Law in the amount of 15 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² In this minor, the course Public Law I, listed in Annex 1, must be completed. It is a year-long course divided into the fall and spring semesters.

³ This minor will be completed with an examination pursuant to Article 12(1)(c) RSL RW.

BASICS OF LAW, 15 ECTS

Art. 9 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Basics of Law in the amount of 15 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Two foundational modules from the elective blocks described in Annex 1 must be completed.

³ The elective blocks will be completed each with a two-hour examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(e) RSL RW.

Art. 10 *[Repealed on 24.11.2011]*

LAW AND THEORIES OF THE STATE, 30 ECTS

Art. 11 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Law and Theories of the State in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² In this minor, all courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

³ This minor will be completed with an examination in Public Law I pursuant to Article 12(1)(c) RSL RW as well as a two-hour examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(e) RSL RW in each of the theoretical foundational modules. Public Law I is a year-long course divided into the fall and spring semesters. The successful completion of this course is a prerequisite for the participation in the theoretical foundational modules.

BASICS OF LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 12 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Basics of Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

³ The individual courses will be completed each with a two-hour written examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(e) RSL RW.

CRIMINOLOGY, 30 ECTS
[Version of 24.11.2016]

Art. 13 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Criminology in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.
[Version of 24.11.2016]

² In this minor, all courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

³ This minor will be completed with two-hour written examination in Criminal Law I, Criminal Law II, Criminology I, and Criminology II, as well as an examination in Criminology III (oral and/or written). *[Version of 19.9.2013]*

⁴ ... *[Repealed on 24.3.2011]*

PUBLIC LAW, 60 ECTS

Art. 14 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Public Law in the amount of 60 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² The course Public Law I is a year-long course divided into the fall and spring semesters and will be completed with a unified examination pursuant to Article 12(1)(c) RSL RW. The successful completion of this course is a prerequisite for participation in the courses of the main study period (Public Law II + III, the problem set, Theoretical Foundations I, and a seminar). The course Public Law II + III is divided over several semesters and will be completed with a unified examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(c) RSL RW. The course Theoretical Foundations I will be completed with an examination pursuant to Article 17(1)(e) RSL RW.

III. Minors Offered at the Master's Level for Students of Other Faculties

PUBLIC LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 15 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Public Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Admission to the Minor in Public Law at the Master's level requires a completed Minor in Law at the Bachelor's level.

³ This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

ECONOMIC LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 16 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Economic Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Admission to the Minor in Economic Law at the Master's level requires a completed Minor in Economic Law in the amount of 15 ECTS credits or a completed Minor in Law of Obligations and Economic Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits at the Bachelor's level. [Version of 24.11.2016]

³ This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

PRIVATE LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 17 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Private Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Admission to the Minor in Private Law at the Master's level requires a completed Minor in Law at the Bachelor's level or one of the following Bachelor's degrees:

- a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
- b Bachelor of Science in Economics,
- c Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

³ This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

INTERNATIONAL AND
EUROPEAN LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 18 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in International and European Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Admission to the Minor in International and European Law at the Master's level requires a completed Minor in Law at the Bachelor's level or one of the following Bachelor's degrees:

- a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration,
- b Bachelor of Science in Economics,
- c Bachelor of Arts in Political Science.

³ This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

CRIMINAL LAW, 30 ECTS

Art. 19 ¹ The Faculty offers a Minor in Criminal Law in the amount of 30 ECTS credits for students of other faculties.

² Admission to the Minor in Criminal Law at the Master's level requires a completed Minor in Criminology in the amount of 30 ECTS credits at the Bachelor's level. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*

³ This minor will be completed cumulatively. Courses amounting to 30 ECTS credits from the courses listed in Annex 1 must be completed.

IV. Transitional and Final Provisions

TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

Art. 20 This Study Plan applies to all students who begin a minor study program in law on or after August 1, 2007. *[Version of 24.11.2016]*

ENTRY INTO FORCE

Art. 21 This Study Plan enters into force on August 1, 2007 and replaces the Study Plan for the Minor in Law of the State for students of the Faculty of Humanities of June 26, 2003, the Study Plan for the Minor in Private Law for students of the Faculty of Humanities of October 25, 2001, the Study Plan for the Minor in Legal History for students of the Faculty of Humanities of May 27, 2004, the Study Plan for the Minor in Criminal Law and Criminology of October 25, 2001, and the Study Plan for the Minor or supplementary subject in Law for students doing a major in the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences of June 26, 2003.

Bern,

On behalf of the Faculty of Law
The Dean:

Approved by the Executive Board of the University:

Bern,

The Rector:

Amendments

Entry into force

Amendment of April 17, 2008, entry into force on August 1, 2008

Amendment of March 24, 2011, entry into force on May 24, 2011

Amendment of September 19, 2013, entry into force on August 1, 2014

Amendment of November 24, 2016, entry into force on August 1, 2017

Transitional Provisions

Transitional provisions to the amendment of September 19, 2013

1. These amendments apply to all students who begin the Minor in Criminal Law and Criminology in the amount of 30 ECTS credits as of Fall Semester 2014.
2. Students who began the Minor in Criminal Law and Criminology in Fall Semester 2013 can submit a binding written declaration to the Dean's Office of the Faculty of Law by March 31, 2014, that they wish to switch to the new Study Plan.