

Instruction on the significance and the criminal consequences of an affirmation in lieu of oath

The Faculty of Engineering of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität requests in accordance with article 7 paragraph 1 sentence 3 no. 8 of the doctoral degree regulations of the Albert-Ludwigs-Universität for the Faculty of Engineering and in accordance with the attachment to these doctoral degree regulations, an affirmation in lieu of oath in order to credibly claim that the doctoral candidate achieved the scholarly achievements of the thesis on his/her own merits.

As the legislative authority attributes particular importance to the affirmation in lieu of oath and it may have serious consequences, the legislative authority made it a punishable offence to make an untrue affirmation in lieu of oath. If you make a deliberate (intentional) untrue affirmation, this may be punished with a prison sentence of up to three years or with a financial penalty.

A negligent misrepresentation (even though you would have been in the position to see that the affirmation is not true), may be punished with a prison sentence of up to one year or with a financial penalty.

The corresponding penal provisions are represented in **article 156 StGB** (making a false affirmation in lieu of oath) and in **article 161 StGB** (negligent false oath, negligent false affirmation in lieu of oath).

Article 156 StGB: False affirmation in lieu of oath

Whoever makes a false affirmation in lieu of oath to an authority body responsible for accepting such an affirmation in lieu of oath or who makes a false statement with reference to such an affirmation, will be punished by imprisonment of up to three years or by a financial penalty.

Article 161 StGB: Negligent false oath, negligent false affirmation in lieu of oath:

- Paragraph 1: If one of the acts described in articles 154 to 156 was committed by negligence, imprisonment of up to one year or a financial penalty will be the result.
- Paragraph 2: There will be no punishment if the culprit corrects his/her statement in time. The rules of article 158 paragraphs 2 and 3 apply accordingly.

With my signature I confirm that I took notice of the instruction on the significance and the criminal consequences of an affirmation in lieu of oath.

Place and date

Signature