External Master’s Thesis
MSc “Energy Science and Technology”

According to the Examination Regulations (Prüfungsordnung) for “Energy Science and Technology” (in its valid version), students are permitted to carry out a master’s thesis project externally (i.e. outside Ulm University).

Before starting such a project the student must be granted approval by the Examination Board.

Please note: To get admitted to the master’s thesis, students must have earned at least 75 CP.

How to apply for an external master’s thesis project:

1. The student selects and contacts an off-campus institute or company where he/she plans to carry out the master’s thesis research.
2. The student writes:
   - A detailed abstract (1 to 2 pages) comprising
     - a title for the planned work
     - a brief introduction to the problem/project and its scientific motivation
     - a concise description of the scientific tasks and objectives
     - a work plan
   - A plan of supervision delineating
     - the supervisory responsibilities of the off-campus institute or company
3. The off-campus supervisor approves and signs the abstract.
4. The student contacts:
   - a primary supervisor for the project among qualified on-campus personnel, as described by the examination regulations.
5. Student and off-campus organization agree:
   - that financial compensation to the student during the Master’s thesis project is limited to a total of 860,- € per month for locations outside the Ulm area and 500 € per month for Ulm and its vicinity (has to be confirmed by the applicant and the off-campus supervisor.
6. The student submits the documents ...
   - abstract
   - plan of supervision
   - agreement on financial compensation
   - University Ulm application form “Admission to Master’s Thesis” with the signature of the primary supervisor
   ... to the Examination Board for approval of the external Master’s Thesis project.
7. In the case of a positive decision, the Examination Board will assign a second referee (Zweitbetreuer/Gutachter) to the thesis.
8. Final step: The student registers the thesis at the Registrar’s Office (Studiensekretariat).

Please note: Students working on an external thesis project have to give a mid term presentation of their project at Ulm University. For this purpose students have to make an appointment with their primary supervisor.