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**Thesis Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)** 

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### 1. When should I register for the thesis?

You can register for the thesis at the beginning of a month. This should be at the beginning of the term (e.g. 1<sup>st</sup> of March).

### 2. How to register for the thesis?

You should register online, please follow this link:

https://www.hs-furtwangen.de/en/faculties/business-information-systems/information-documents-relevant-to-study-programmes/thesis/

3. How long should I take to finish the thesis? Could I extend this period?

Once registered for the thesis, you have 6 months to finish and submit it. You could (optionally) extend for another 3 months (then the total would be 9 months as max).

### 4. Could I do the thesis in a company?

Yes you could. In general, you need **2 supervisors** for your thesis (primary and secondary). The **primary supervisor** is always from the **university** and you have to contact and coordinate with the preferred professor. And if you want to make the thesis in a company, then you have to search for a thesis placement in any company and apply. Once accepted, then the **secondary supervisor** would be your **team leader/manager** from the company.

### 5. How many pages should be the thesis paper?

It should be around 70 pages and it is usually discussed between the student and the supervisor(s). General thesis paper instructions is uploaded on HFU website. Please follow this link:

https://www.hs-

furtwangen.de/studierende/fakultaeten/wirtschaftsinformatik/downloads.html

And then click on the link: **BCM Thesis Titel** 

# 6. How long does it take to review and check the thesis by the professors after submitting it?

It depends on the professor but usually it should take about 1 months. Do not hesitate to contact the professors about the grading if you need a fast result (e.g. to start a job.)

## 7. Do professors/university provide a range of topics from which I could select my thesis topic?

In general, the student should come up with the thesis topic of his/her interest. Some professors may have some topics for research.

### 8. How could I choose the professor?

The student should contact the preferred professor(s) to discuss his/her thesis topic and ask the professor if s/he would be interested to supervise his/her thesis.

#### 9. Can I do internship before the thesis?

Yes, but then you would extend your master studies with the internship period.

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### 10. Do we have to be in Furtwangen during the thesis semester?

This is coordinated between the student and the supervisor(s). Mostly it is not mandatory to be in Furtwangen and most professors could conduct the thesis meetings online.

### 11. Can I have a full-time job contract before finishing the whole masters?

It is not possible. You have to officially finish your masters and de-matriculate in order to be allowed to have a full-time job contract.

### 12. Should I de-matriculate directly after finishing and submitting the thesis?

There is no relation between finishing the thesis and de-matriculation. However, you automatically get exmatriculated once you finished all essential elements of the program (i.e. have no unfinished mandatory classes or electives). You have a maximum of **3 years** to finalize your masters and de-matriculate.