

Master Thesis Brief Description

Thesis Title	CO₂-absorbing, petrochemical building materials
Programme of Studies	MSc in Sustainable Energy Systems
Course	MES 580 Master Thesis
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Short Description	<p>The petrochemical industry, which produces chemicals and materials using oil and gas as major raw materials, occupies an important position in the manufacturing and consuming sectors worldwide. In the following years it is anticipated that this industry will also be developed in Cyprus.</p> <p>The purpose of this study is to investigate the perspective of the development of a sector in Cyprus, producing CO₂-absorbing building materials produced with the use of petrochemicals as raw material. A detailed state-of-the-art analysis on petrochemical products and CO₂-absorbing building materials should be conducted. The study should conclude to a specific product, which will be pre-designed and assessed in terms of its thermal, environmental and financial performance. A finite element assessment of the produced product is anticipated, as well as the life cycle analysis of its environmental performance. Design solutions incorporating the proposed material to new or existing buildings should also be delivered.</p>