

THESIS ORGANIZATION:

Generally, a thesis will be organized with the following sections (*confer with your advisor(s) for appropriateness in your discipline*).

- Title Page (blank number)
- Abstract (page ii)
 - Brief summary of the research. Provide an overview of the research question, methodology, and conclusion (what is the problem you are researching, the procedure or methods used to conduct the research, the outcome, and contributions of your work). This will be different from the original abstract submitted at the start of the thesis. The abstract should not exceed 350 words.
- Acknowledgements (optional) (page iii)
 - Not required, however if you would like to thank people who were helpful to the completion of your thesis, faculty mentors, librarians, interviewees, advisors, lab mates, family, etc., this is the place to do it. Make sure you acknowledge the University or outside agency that provided financial supported for your research.
- Table of Contents (page iv)
 - This section should be done once all of your pagination is complete. The titles of each section should be aligned to the left and page numbers of those sections flush to the right.
- List of illustrations/Lists of tables/Lists of Figures (when needed) (page v.....)
- Introduction (begin with regular Arabic numerals centered at the bottom of the page, i.e. page 1)
 - Introduction of the topic of the thesis project and its background (what, why, and how). Summarize the background information that the reader should know to best understand the relevance of your work. Provide a statement of the topic, motivation for research, the solution, and summary of main results with a conclusion.
 - Thesis (statement of position, arguments, hypothesis)
- Methodology and Theoretical Paradigms. Describe how results were obtained, process for data gathering. If appropriate present outcomes in graphs or histograms. Explain how you are interpreting the outcomes.
- Literature Review (situate your work within the context of existing published scholarship)
- Analytical Discussion (presentation of results with discussion and conclusion)
- Conclusion
 - Implications of study (with possible limitations or possibilities of further study). Describe how project could be extended. What are interesting problems or questions that resulted from your work.
- Endnotes (optional)
- The notes must be numbered consecutively throughout the text by a raised Arabic numeral which corresponds to the number of the note at the bottom of the page or at the end of the text.
- Appendices (optional)

- the appendices contain material that is pertinent to the text, but not directly included (raw data, questionnaires, consent forms, etc.). If there is only one appendix, it is called "APPENDIX" (not Appendix A) and is given a title. If there are two or more appendices, each is labeled, given a title, and entered on a new page. The titles of the appendices should be listed in the Table of Contents
- Bibliography (all of the works cited, see style manual for formatting)