

Writing a Thesis

Features of a Thesis

- supervised independent research
- makes new contribution to the existing body of knowledge on the topic
- follows robust research process and design
- demonstrates mastery of the topic

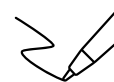
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- download EndNote for your bibliographic material
- set up a filing system
- set up documents ready for writing your content
- plan regular scheduled times for writing to stay on top of the workload
- have a goal for each writing session



Get Writing

- write the chapters in order
- write up each section as you complete the work
- revise and edit your work rigourously
- note down questions as they arise to ask your supervisor
- don't "go it alone," seek support from EIT support services



Thesis Sections

Preliminaries

Title page

Abstract

- Summarise the purpose, methodology, results, conclusions/recommendations

Declaration

Dedication/Acknowledgements/Preface (depending on type of research)

Table of Contents with page numbers

List of Tables (if applicable)

List of Figures (if applicable)

List of Abbreviations (if applicable)

List of symbols (if applicable)

Glossary (if applicable)

Main Body (separated into chapters)

Introduction

- What is the context and background to the topic?
- What are the concepts/frameworks/theories etc. that underpin this topic?
- What is the gap/lacuna that your research addresses?
- How is this research relevant?
- What are the research questions/objectives/hypotheses and thesis statement?

Literature Review

- What does the existing literature say on the topic?
- What is the gap in the research that your research addresses?

Method/Methodology

- What paradigm are you using and why?
- What data collection method are you using and why?
- What data analysis method are you using and why?

Results/Findings (describe what you found)

Discussion

- What do the results mean in terms of the research questions/hypotheses?
- How do your results fit with the existing literature on your topic?

Conclusion/Recommendations

Reference Material

References/Bibliography

Appendices