Guide to Formatting Theses and Dissertations

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1. Introduction

Refining the scholar’s analytical and problem-solving skills as a prelude to a life of further study and independent research is a primary goal of graduate study, and the process of producing a thesis or dissertation is intended to help the degree candidate achieve that goal. The procedure a graduate student must go through in getting his or her thesis or dissertation approved simulates, in many respects, the “real world” process of submitting a scholarly manuscript for publication. For example, scholarly work outside the university is subject to intensive scrutiny by peers in the author's discipline. Similarly, the thesis or dissertation is reviewed for content and rigor of methodology and relevance to the field by the degree candidate's faculty advisers. Prior to being accepted for publication in scholarly journals, manuscripts are not only reviewed for validity of content by other scholars who serve on editorial review boards, but they are also examined for conformance to specific format style guidelines. At UMKC, the Dean and professional staff of the School of Graduate Studies review the thesis or dissertation for conformance to University guidelines and level of scholarly achievement. In either setting, failure to meet the appropriate standards in the disciplines will result in rejection of the work.

The School of Graduate Studies, guided by the Committee of Graduate Officers, establishes the format regulations for theses and dissertations (T/D) at UMKC. This guide outlines requirements for formatting graduate T/Ds that are specific to UMKC. Unless a requirement is specified in this guide, a T/D must follow the style standards of the latest edition of *A Manual for Writers of Term Papers, Theses and Dissertations*¹, edited by Kate Turabian (University of Chicago Press), for all elements of the manuscript, with the following exception. Some academic units have specified alternate formats for the bibliographic references to meet the appropriate standards within their respective disciplines. Candidates should check with the Principal Graduate Adviser in their respective academic units to determine the approved standard for that component of their T/Ds. *Any variances from the standards in this guide, Turabian, and discipline-approved bibliographic reference styles must be approved in advance by the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies.*

Correctly formatting the T/D is a tedious endeavor; however, if the degree candidate reads the guide carefully and incorporates the formatting standards throughout the writing stage, the approval process will be much less onerous. During the first four weeks of the Fall or Winter Semesters or the first two weeks of the Summer term, degree candidates may call the School of Graduate Studies office (235-1161 or 235-1731) to schedule a conference with the Senior Information Specialist to make sure they have interpreted the guidelines correctly and to seek guidance on specialized formatting problems.

The completion of the graduate thesis or dissertation represents the culmination of the degree program. It is the apex of the candidate's achievement in the university, and it

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¹ Hereafter in this guide, this work will be referred to as Turabian.
reflects the author's research methodology, subject knowledge, insights and thinking as a scholar.

Doctoral dissertations and Master’s theses will be made available on the UMKC's MOSpace, an online repository for scholarly work and resources created by its students, faculty and staff. MOspace makes knowledge and research products from UMKC available to the wider community of researchers and scholars and assures preservation of these materials for the future.

Doctoral dissertations and Master’s theses published on microfilm and digitally through the University Microfilms International (hereinafter referred to as UMI) Dissertation Information Service and made available to researchers throughout the world. The full text of UMKC dissertations since 1995, and theses since Fall 2001 are also available electronically to the UMKC community. A hyperlink to the digital library is available on the School of Graduate Studies website.

**Steps in the Approval Process**

Approval of the T/D begins with the candidate's supervisory committee. The candidate works closely with his or her research advisers while writing the various sections of the manuscript. For all degree candidates, when the committee members feel the work is complete and ready for final defense by the candidate, each committee member will complete a **Pre-Oral Defense Form** and submit it to the committee chair. The committee chair will then determine a final defense date and announce that date with two weeks notice.

At least six weeks prior to graduation the degree candidate will submit a copy of the T/D to the School of Graduate Studies for a formatting review. The School of Graduate Studies will work with the degree candidates to see that all formatting requirements are met. The deadline for submitting the manuscript to the School of Graduate Studies is printed in the Calendar section of the Schedule of Classes for each term. The actual date varies, but it is approximately six weeks before the end of the fall or winter semester and four weeks before the end of the summer term. In the School of Graduate Studies, the manuscript is reviewed for conformance to the campus standards explained in this guide. The School of Graduate Studies' review process generally takes from two to four weeks.

After the degree candidate has successfully defended and completed all formatting and content changes, they will submit a final draft to the School of Graduate Studies accompanied by **Final Evaluation Forms** completed by each of their committee members and signed by the committee chair. (Some Committee Chairs prefer to send the Final Evaluation forms to the School of Graduate Studies themselves rather than transmit them via the degree candidate.) The School of Graduate Studies is located in Room 300F of the Administrative Center (5115 Oak Street). Once the final draft and all Final Evaluation forms have been received, the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies will review content and certify the T/D. After receiving this certification, the candidate will upload a PDF copy.

The only required fee at the time of uploading one's thesis or dissertation is a $40 (plus tax) fee for an archival copy that will be sent to the UMKC Archives. Optional fees include copyright registration and the cost of additional copies. Students may order copies via UMI/ProQuest, or they may have copies made elsewhere.

### Thesis/Dissertation Completion Timeline

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<th>Task</th>
<th>Suggested Completion Date</th>
<th>Notes</th>
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<td>Complete Thesis/Dissertation Manuscript; Copies to Thesis Committee</td>
<td>10-12 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
<td>Typically requires revisions; work with Advisor &amp; Committee</td>
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<td>Submit Manuscript to Graduate School for formatting review (accompanied by a Preliminary Approval form signed by the committee chair)</td>
<td>At least 6 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
<td>DEADLINE IS SIX WEEKS BEFORE GRADUATION. Graduate School may require format revisions</td>
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<td>Committee members will complete the Pre-Oral Defense Form and submit it to the committee chair indicating that the thesis/dissertation is ready to defend</td>
<td>At least 4 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
<td>The committee chair will retain the Pre-Oral Defense forms and schedule the defense</td>
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<td>Schedule Thesis/Dissertation Defense; Chair announces Defense with 2 weeks notice</td>
<td>At least 4 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
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<td>Thesis/Dissertation Defense Committee members will complete Final Evaluation Forms and submit them to the committee chair for his review and signature</td>
<td>At least 2 weeks Before Graduation</td>
<td>The committee chair will ensure that all committee members’ comments and corrections are incorporated into the final thesis / dissertation</td>
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<td>Submit final thesis/dissertation to Graduate School along with the Final Evaluation Forms for approval by Graduate Dean</td>
<td>2 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
<td>DEADLINE IS TWO WEEKS BEFORE GRADUATION;</td>
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<td>Make required format changes and re-submit to Graduate School if necessary</td>
<td>1-2 Weeks Before Graduation</td>
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<td>Upload a PDF copy of the thesis or dissertation to UMI.</td>
<td>Before Graduation</td>
<td>Graduation requirements will not be complete until copies are transmitted to UMI AND that transmission approved by the School of Graduate Studies.</td>
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2. Producing the Thesis or Dissertation

Author's Responsibilities

A T/D may be produced with a typewriter, word processor, or computer using word processing software. The author is responsible for:

☐ The correct presentation of the content, references, and illustrative materials of the manuscript.
☐ Making sure the format of the finished document meets university standards.
☐ The appropriate arrangement of the parts of the manuscript as specified in this guide.
☐ Sentence structure, paragraphing, punctuation, spelling, accuracy and citation of quotations.
☐ Proofreading the manuscript.
☐ Seeing that the bibliographic citations conform to the appropriate standard.
☐ Contacting the School of Graduate Studies Thesis/Dissertation Research Assistant to check the manuscript's format.
☐ Being aware of, and meeting, all departmental and School of Graduate Studies' deadlines for submission of thesis or dissertation for approval.
☐ Getting copyright permission for any copyrighted material included in the manuscript.

If someone other than the author, such as a professional typist, types the manuscript, he or she is only responsible for producing accurate, neat, legible copy that conforms to a specified format. Typists usually do not make editing decisions, spelling corrections, or changes in grammar or syntax. The author, not the typist, is responsible for complying with University regulations.

Warning: Do not rely on previously approved T/Ds on file in the library as a guide for correct format of your work. Standards change over the years and guidelines are sometimes interpreted in different ways by different individuals responsible for monitoring adherence to standards. Therefore, some previously approved T/Ds may not meet current standards.

Formatting Standards

Print Quality and Size

☐ Print must be black, with a sharp, dark image. ☐ Standard type size of 10-12 characters per inch is required. [If using word processing software with point-style fonts, the font size must be at least 12 points. For comparison purposes, this guide was printed using Microsoft Word 2000 software with a Times New Roman 12 point font.]
☐ Use standard typefaces only; script, italicized or slanted typefaces for the body of the thesis or dissertation will be rejected. Italics may be used where allowed by
Turabian for emphasis in quotations or where Turabian allows something to be either italicized or underlined.

- Use a uniform type face and size of type throughout the T/D. This includes preliminary matter; text; reference list; within tables; for all headings, sub-headings, table headings, and figure legends; on title pages; for all page numbers; and for the text of all footnotes.
- Print only on one side of each page.
- Boldface type may only be used as an alternative to underlining on First, Third, and Fifth level (Turabian) sub-headings, and where required in bibliographies by certain bibliographic formatting guides.

**Spacing**

- Double-space the body of the thesis or dissertation.
- Do not put an extra double-space between paragraphs.
- Consistently space between subheadings and text.
- Quadruple-space, leaving three blank lines, before and/or after tables and figures that are inserted on the same page as text.
- Lengthy quotations (more than 40 words or four typed lines) should be set as a block, indented from the left margin, and single-spaced.
- Footnotes must be single-spaced, but, if there are multiple footnotes on the same page, there must be a blank line between footnotes.
- The items listed in the **Table of Contents** may be single-spaced within the item, but must have a blank line between items.
- Indent the first word of each paragraph 6-8 spaces (approximately 1/2 inch) from the left-hand margin. Be consistent throughout the manuscript with the number of spaces used for indentation (e.g. do not use 6 spaces for paragraph indentations in one place and 7 or 8 spaces in others).

**Margins**

The following are **minimum** margin requirements for all pages of the manuscript. Margins may be larger, but not less, than these minimums. Material in the appendices must also meet these margin requirements. For some materials, this may require photo-reducing the page and then adding a page number on the photo-copy.

**Left:** Must be **no less than 1-1/4 inches** from left edge of paper.

**Right:** Must be **no less than 1 inch** from the right edge of paper.

**Top:** The first line of text must be **at least 1 inch** from the top edge of the page.

**Bottom:** Must be **no less than 1 inch**. The bottom of the page number must be above the one inch margin.

The margin is determined by the last letter or character in the longest line on the page. Some copiers enlarge the original about one percent. Therefore, production of an original with margins larger than the acceptable minimum is recommended if the deposit copies will be photocopied. Allowing an extra 1/8” on each side is advisable.

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Page Numbering

- All pages must be numbered, with the exception of the title page and the copyright or blank page.
- All pages are **counted** in the numbering system.
- Preliminary pages (e.g., abstract, table of contents, acknowledgments, etc.) that precede the main text are numbered separately from the rest of the work, using lower case Roman numerals, beginning with the numeral "iii" on the first page of the Abstract. On these preliminary pages, the number is placed in the center at least one inch above the bottom of the page.
- The text, starting with Chapter 1, is numbered consecutively, beginning with Arabic numeral 1. All pages may be numbered at the bottom center, at least one inch above the bottom edge of the page.
- No portion of the page number may extend into the margin areas noted in the previous section.
- The word "page" is not used before the numerals.
- To keep their location and size uniform throughout, page numbers are added after reducing tables, figures, or over-size appendix materials to fit within the margin guidelines.
- On photo-copied materials in the appendices, the page number is enclosed in brackets to indicate it was not part of the original material.
- The font type and size of the page numbers must be the same as the text in the body of the T/D.

Graphics

Clarity and quality are required for all illustrative material (charts, maps, graphs, figures, tables, music, photographs, etc.). Consult Turabian, seventh edition, chapter 26 for format requirements for tables, charts, graphs, illustrations and anything not mentioned specifically in this guide.
Tables

- Turabian allows two styles of table heading formats. Either style is acceptable, but the style selected must be used consistently throughout the manuscript. Candidates in programs that allow APA style for bibliographic references may use APA table format rather than Turabian. Again, the style used must be consistent throughout the manuscript. For examples of all three heading styles, see Specimen sheets in appendix A of this guide.
- If a table appears on a text page, three blank lines should be left above and below the table.
- Ruling is optional in tables using Turabian guidelines. If tables are ruled, the format should be consistent throughout the manuscript; and, at a minimum, each ruled table should have a single or double horizontal rule at the top, below the heading, and a single horizontal rule at the bottom, or end, of the table.
- **No vertical rules are allowed at the sides of a table.** Turabian suggests that vertical rules be kept to a minimum. APA does not allow any vertical rules in tables.
- Whether using Turabian or APA format, tables should be placed as close as possible after the first reference to the table in the text. However, Turabian suggests that, if space permits, "it is best to finish the paragraph of text in which the reference occurs before inserting the table. If a table cannot be accommodated in the remaining space available for it on a given page, continue the text to make a full page and place the table at the top of the next page." (Turabian, 26.1.2). APA tables are treated the same way, since this is a final manuscript, not an article to be typeset by the journal.
- Table numbering. Tables may be numbered consecutively in whole numbers throughout the text of the T/D or by double numeration—the chapter number followed by a period, followed by the table number as in Table 12.4. Tables included in an appendix should be numbered separately from the tables in the text, such as A1, A2, and so on.
- Textual references to tables. All text references to a table should be by number, not by an introductory phrase such as “in the following table.” (See Turabian 26l.2.2).
- Tables that continue onto a second page should have the column headings repeated at the top of the second page and the correct "table continued" indicator at the bottom of the first page of the table.

Figures

**Legends and numbering.** Legends for figures are single-spaced and are centered beneath figures on the same pages as the figures, if possible. On full-page figures, if adequate space is not available on the same page, center the legend for a plate or continuous figure on the facing page and place the figure on the following page.
Figures may be numbered with consecutive Arabic numerals throughout the T/D, even across chapters. Alternatively, if you have many figures and many chapters, use double numeration: that is, the chapter number, followed by a period, followed by the table number, as in Figure 12.4.

**Oversize material.** If graphic material is too large for the standard page and format, it may be reduced to fit within the margins. However, all graphic material must be legible and must lend itself to microfilming. Figure legends and page numbers remain standard size; add them after the graphic material has been reduced.

**Placement.** If figures (or tables) are too wide to fit within the margins for the standard "portrait" orientation on the page, they may be turned horizontally on the page with a "landscape" orientation. The top of the figure should then be placed at the book's binding edge (left margin of paper). On pages for these "broadside" figures (or tables), the page number must remain at the bottom center of the page.

Figures inserted within the body of the T/D must not precede the first mention of the figure in the text. All figures must be referred to in the text, by number, before the figures themselves are inserted in the T/D. Place small figures on a page with some text, or center them on separate sheets. Position each full-page figure on a separate page immediately following the place where it is first mentioned in the text.

**Special media.** Additional types of computer files may be uploaded with the PDF copy of the T/D. Examples of the acceptable files types may be found in the ETD administration pages at the School of Graduate Studies website.
3. Assembling the Sections of the Manuscript

Each thesis or dissertation has three sections: (1) the preliminary matter, (2) the text, and (3) the back matter. Some parts of each section are required, others are optional. The sections are discussed separately in the following paragraphs.

Preliminary Matter

The University requires the following sequence of preliminary matter sections in all T/Ds. This mandatory sequence varies from that cited in Turabian's manual.

*Title Page
*Blank Page or Copyright Notice
*Abstract
*Approval Page
*Table of Contents
List of Illustrations
List of Tables
List of Abbreviations
Glossary
Editorial Method
Acknowledgments
Preface
Dedication

*Indicates required components

Title Page

The title page includes the title of the manuscript; identification of the type of manuscript and name of degree program; purpose of the manuscript; name of author; author's previous degree(s), institutions and dates and year(s) received; location and date of publication; and the names of your committee members. The wording and format of the elements of the title page must be exactly as noted here and illustrated on Specimen sheet 1 in appendix A of this guide.

When selecting the title, keep in mind that many computer retrieval systems use the words in the title--and sometimes a few other descriptive words--to locate documents. The thesis or dissertation will be a valuable source for other scholars only if it can be located easily. The title should be a meaningful description of the thesis or dissertation's subject. Be sure to use word substitutes for formulae, symbols, superscripts, Greek letters, and so forth. The type-face used on the title page must be the same, in style and size, as the rest of the manuscript. Boldface or larger size typefaces are not allowed.
On the title page, place the title of the work approximately 1-3/4" from the top of the page. Use all capital letters for the title. Set the title in two or more lines if it is longer than 48 characters. Double-space multiple lines in the title and arrange them in inverted pyramid style, with the longest line at the top.

Approximately two inches below the first line of the title, center the words "A THESIS IN" or "A DISSERTATION IN" (as appropriate to the paper) using all capital letters. On the next line below that, insert the official name of the degree program, with only the initial letter(s) capitalized. Two lines below the degree name, insert the three lines of text shown below, centered, single-spaced, and capitalized as shown:

Presented to the Faculty of the University of Missouri-Kansas City in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree
[M.S.N. candidates in the Cooperative Nursing Program should check with their faculty advisers for approved alternative wordings of this statement.]

Two lines below this, insert the appropriate degree designation, using all capital letters. Check the degree listing in appendix B for the official degree title. Do not include emphasis area designations.

Approximately 7 inches from top of page, center the word "by," typed in lowercase letters. On the next line below that, center the author's name, typed in all capital letters. On the second line below the author's name, using upper and lower case letters, center information on the author's previous degree(s), the institution where they were received, and the year awarded. The following is an example of how this should look:

B.A., University of Missouri-Kansas City, 1988
If the author has received more than one previous degree, additional degrees should be indicated in the same manner, each degree on a separate line, single-spaced, with the most recent degree listed last. about 1-3/4" above the bottom of the page, using upper and lower case letters, center the words:

Kansas City, Missouri
On the next line below this, center the year the thesis or dissertation is being submitted. Make sure that this last line of the title page is more than one inch above the bottom of the page. (See the title page example, Specimen sheet 1, in appendix A.)

Blank Page or Copyright Notice

The second page of each thesis or dissertation is either a blank page or a page with the copyright notice on it. The candidate secures a copyright by inserting the proper notice of copyright in the work, and by registering the copyright with the U.S. Copyright Office at the time of publication (see guide section on Copyrighting the Work). The copyright notice
Example of a copyright notice:
© 19--

AUTHOR'S FULL LEGAL NAME
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED

Abstract
The abstract is a required element. It immediately follows the blank page or copyright notice page and is numbered beginning with the small Roman numeral "iii."

The abstract should summarize the problems dealt with by the research, the research methods employed, and the major findings. As a digest of the entire thesis or dissertation, the abstract should be organized to correlate with the thesis outline. The same, careful attention given to the writing of the thesis or dissertation should be given to writing the abstract. The purpose of the study, the research methodology, and a summary of the findings should be included. The abstract should not be a mere rewording of the table of contents; and it should not include footnotes or references. The abstract must be in English.

Diagrams, photographs, or abbreviations are not allowed in the abstract.

Abstract Heading
The heading of the abstract begins approximately two inches from the top of the page. Each line of the abstract heading is centered. The abstract heading includes, in the order listed: (1) the thesis or dissertation title; (2) the author's name and the degree to be received; (3) University of Missouri-Kansas City, year; and (4) the word ABSTRACT.

The title is typed in all capital letters. It should be set in two or more lines if it is longer than 48 characters. Multiple lines should be double-spaced and should be arranged in inverted pyramid style, with the longest line at the top. The title on the ABSTRACT page must exactly match the title as listed on the title page.

Triple-space between the title and the author's name. Initial letters only are capitalized in typing the author's name and the degree. The author's full legal name should be used. Any official changes must be made by affidavit through the Registrar. Double-space between the author's name and degree line and the next line which says "University of Missouri-Kansas City, year."

Triple-space before and after the line which says "ABSTRACT."
Abstract Text

Start the text of the abstract on the same page as the heading, on the third line below the word "ABSTRACT" in the heading. The text portion of the abstract must be double-spaced, and should not exceed 350 words. **Do not include the heading, title, and author's name in the count.** *(See example of an abstract in Specimen sheet 3 in appendix A).*

Approval Page

The approval page is required and is placed immediately following the Abstract. The approval page indicates the names of the student's faculty committee and a statement that they have read and approved the T/D. *(See example of the approval page in the appendix).*

Table of Contents

The Table of Contents is required. List all major parts of the thesis or dissertation (except the title page, approval page, blank or copyright page, table of contents, and dedication page) in the Table of Contents. Capitalize **all letters** of the titles of all major divisions: Abstract, acknowledgments, preface, list of illustrations, list of tables, list of abbreviations, glossary, parts, chapter titles, appendix titles, notes, bibliography, reference list, and vita. Word the chapter titles, subheadings, table titles, figure titles, and Appendix titles **exactly** as they appear in the text. *(See Turabian, pages 387-388.)*

Subheadings in the chapters may be included in or omitted from the Table of Contents at the discretion of the author. If they are included, however, they must be included for all chapters, in the order of their rank, with page numbers. This means the author cannot begin with first level sub-headings in the Table of Contents' listing for one chapter, but skip to third- or fourth-level sub-headings in another chapter without listing the first two levels. Subheading titles that are longer than one line are single-spaced and the lines after the first line are indented three additional spaces. If the author includes more than one level of subheading in the Table of Contents listing, each level is indented three spaces from the last indentation of the next higher level. The first level subheading is indented three spaces from the **last indentation** of the Chapter heading. Page numbers listed in the Table of Contents are justified right following a line of periods one space apart (period leaders) separating the listing of the title from the page number on which that part of the Thesis or Dissertation begins *(See Turabian, page 389).* The word "Chapter" is placed over the chapter numbers. Chapter numbers are aligned on the period following the number. **A sample Table of Contents format is included in Specimen sheet 5 in appendix A.**
Optional Elements in the Preliminary Matter

List of Illustrations and List of Tables

These sections must be included if the thesis or dissertation includes any illustrations or tables. They should not be combined into one list. Each list should begin on a new page following the Table of Contents. Be sure all listings include the corresponding page numbers indicated in the text; word the titles exactly as they appear in the text (including capitalization). Do not abbreviate titles in the contents unless they are extremely long. ([See example in Specimen sheet 6 in appendix A of this guide.])

List of Abbreviations

Turabian suggests that a "list of abbreviations is desirable only if the writer has devised abbreviations instead of using those that are commonly accepted, such as standard abbreviations of titles of professional journals within a given field." See Turabian, pages 384 and 389 for more detailed information.

Glossary

If used, arrange the words alphabetically. Position each word flush left, and follow it with a period, dash, or colon. (See Turabian, pages 385 and 390.)

Acknowledgments

If an acknowledgment section is included, the heading ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, in uppercase letters, is centered on the first page of the section. The text of the section begins on the third line below the heading. In the acknowledgment section, the author may thank mentors and colleagues and list persons, organizations, or institutions that supported the research. Credit may be given to works cited in the text for which permission to reproduce has been granted (see Turabian, pages 80 and 389).

Preface

A preface may be used to explain the writer's motivation for making the study, "the background for the project, the scope of the research, and the purpose of the paper" (see Turabian, page 389).

Dedication

If used, the dedication is the last page in the preliminary matter. The dedication page is neither counted nor numbered. See Turabian, page 386 for more detailed information.
The Text of the Thesis or Dissertation

Divide the text into chapters. Begin each chapter on a new page. Capitalize the chapter headings. Center the word "CHAPTER" followed by the number (in either Arabic or Roman numerals as long as they are consistent and are the same as used in the Table of Contents) approximately two inches from the top of the page. On the second line below that, center the first line of the chapter title (all uppercase letters). Begin the text (or first sub-heading title) on the third line below the chapter heading. Center the page number at the bottom of the page, at least one inch above the page edge, on the first page of each chapter.

If chapters are subdivided, carefully plan the subheadings according to the five levels of subheadings in Turabian (pages 397-398). If fewer than five levels are used, the author may begin with any of the five levels, as long as the subsequent levels used are in consecutive descending order below the first level that is used. Candidates from academic units that use APA for their bibliographic format may opt to use the APA sub-heading levels (See APA Publication Manual, section 3.03). Be consistent throughout the manuscript when choosing and placing all headings.

Divide centered subheadings of more than 48 spaces into two or more single-spaced lines, in inverted pyramid form. Divide subheadings that are flush with the left margins into two or more single-spaced lines if they extend more than half a line. Except for the fifth level sub-heading that is run-on into the paragraph and followed by a period, there is no punctuation at the end of a subheading. (See the example on the first page of a chapter in Specimen sheet 7 in appendix A.)

Carefully follow all of the requirements for line spacing, margins, pagination, insertion of tables and figures, etc. listed in the Formatting Standards sections of this guide.
Back Matter

Arrange Back Matter sections in the following order:

- Appendices (optional)
- Endnotes (optional)  *Indicates required components
- References or Bibliographic Matter
- Vita

Appendices

If the thesis or dissertation contains only one appendix, center the heading (i.e., "APPENDIX") and the title, then start the text on the same page. See Turabian (page 403).

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___ Numbering begins on ABSTRACT page with the small roman numeral "iii"

___ Abstract does not exceed the 350 word maximum.

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   Blank page or copyright page
   Abstract
   Approval Page
   Table of Contents
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   List of Tables (if manuscript has tables)
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___ ACS (Chem., Biol. Sci)
___ AMSPLAIN (Mathematics)
___ Other: __________________________________________

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APPENDIX A

SPECIMEN SHEETS

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INTRODUCTION

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First level; centered, boldface or italic type, headline-style capitalization

Contemporary Art

Second level; centered, regular type, headline-style capitalization

What Are the Major Styles?

Third level: flush left, boldface or italic type, headline-style capitalization

Abstract Expressionism

Fourth level; flush left, roman type, sentence-style capitalization

Major painters and practitioners

Fifth level: run in at beginning of paragraph (no blank line after), boldface or italic type, sentence-style capitalization, terminal period.

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Note: Page numbering continues from the previous section.

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Important Note: The example above is of a reference list, used with parenthetical references in the text. If you use footnotes, you should use the Turabian "Bibliography" format. See Turabian for more information.
REFERENCES


Refer to the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*, latest edition, for a discussion of the rationale and complete listing of APA rules for formatting Reference List entries. Only initials are used for first and middle names of authors. The year of publication is placed in parentheses. Note in particular that APA entries may be double-spaced or single-spaced. If references are single spaced, however, double-spacing is required between references, as in Turabian.

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VITA

Cavale Elise Nicholson was born on October 18, 1945, in Chicago, Illinois. She was educated in local public schools and graduated from Luther High School as class valedictorian in 1962. She received a Regents Scholarship to the University of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois, from which she graduated, Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude, in 1967. Her degree was a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry.

After working as a laboratory assistant for one year at Marion Laboratories in Kansas City, Missouri, Ms. Nicholson began a master's program in secondary education at the University of Missouri-Columbia. She was awarded the Master of Arts degree in Education in May, 1971.

In 1970, Ms. Nicholson assumed a position teaching science at Raytown South High School in Raytown, Mo. Since 1975, she has also served as vice principal of the school. She began work toward her Ph.D. in Education at the University of Missouri-Kansas City in the Fall of 1972. Upon completion of her degree requirements, Ms. Nicholson plans to continue her career in secondary education administration and to pursue research interests.

Ms. Nicholson is a member of the American Chemical Society, the National Education Association, and the Missouri Teachers Association.
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LISTING OF UMKC GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS
WITH THESIS OR DISSERTATION OPTIONS

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