

**Sheridan College**  
**Faculty of Applied Science & Technology**

**Thesis Individual Evaluation**

**Front Matter 6 / 10 + Chapter-1 69 + 5 / 90 = 75 + 5 / 100 = 80%**

**FRONT MATTER (Including the abstract) [6 out of 10]**

- Title page [1 marks] -0.5
- Abstract (limit 350 words) [5 marks] -2
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  - Abstract does not clearly capture the focus of your research question:  
**Does guiding CVs away from emergency reserved routes reduce traffic volume and increase arrival times for ERs?**
- Acknowledgments [0.5 mark]
- Table of contents [3 marks] {-1} Add chapters 4,5/6 to the table-of-contents
- List of tables and figures [0.5 marks]
- Glossary [0.5 marks] -0.5

**THESIS CHAPTERS**

Below are generic outlines for a three-chapter thesis proposal

1. Introduction
2. Literature review
3. Methodology
4. Research Findings
5. Conclusions, discussions, recommendations & future work

## Quantitative Thesis Individual Evaluation Outline

### Chapter 1: Introduction

[ Out of 90] – 21 = 69 + 5

- Introduction
  - The introduction includes an overview of the purpose and focus of the study, why it is significant, how it was conducted, and how it will contribute  
[10 marks]
- Statement of the Problem
  - The problem indicates the need for the study, describes the issue or problem to be studied, and situates it in a broader educational or social context. The problem statement includes a brief, well-articulated summary of the literature that substantiates the study, with references to more detailed discussions in Chapter 2.  
[10 marks]
- Purpose of the Study
  - Describing the research purpose in a logical, explicit manner, the statement of purpose is the major objective or intent of the study; it enables the reader to understand the central thrust of the research  
[10 marks] -1
- Theoretical Framework, outcomes & contributions
  - This provides an overview of the theory governing the research. Chapter 2 provides more details on such. An outline of the contribution and outcomes is also given here  
[10 marks] -7 {list/outline in point form clearly what are your specific contributions in this work}
- Research Question(s) / Thesis Statement
  - Research questions are directly tied to the purpose. They should be specific, unambiguously stated, and open-ended. These questions cue readers to the direction the study will take and help to delineate the scope of the study.  
[20 marks] -5
- Significance of the Study
  - Significance addresses the benefits that may be derived from doing the study (theoretical and practical significance), thereby reaffirming the research purpose  
[10 marks] -1
- Overview of Methodology
  - This section outlines the methodological type or approach, the research setting, the sample, instrumentation (if relevant), and methods of data collection and analysis used.  
[10 marks] -2
- Definition of Terms  
[5 marks] -5 {added after confirmation with Devon that this is present in the work} + 5

□ Organization of the thesis

- This brief concluding explanation delineates the contents of the remaining chapters in the dissertation **[5 marks]**

**Chapter 2: Review of the Literature [ Out of 100]  $100 - 19.5 = 80.5$**

This chapter situates the study in the context of previous research and scholarly material pertaining to the topic, presents a critical synthesis of empirical literature according to relevant themes or variables, justifies how the study addresses a gap or problem in the literature, and outlines the theoretical or conceptual framework of the study. A dissertation does not merely restate the available knowledge base of a particular topic, but adds to or augments it.

- Introduction: The introduction describes the content, scope, and organization of the review as well as the strategy used in the literature search.

**[10 marks]**

- Review of literature: This section

--is clearly related to the problem statement, purpose, and research questions; **[10 marks]**

--states upfront the bodies of literature that will be covered, and why;

**[10 marks]**

--At least **30 reviews** of primary sources that are {mostly recent empirical studies from scholarly journals and publications}, as well as secondary sources

**[10 marks] – 1.5**

--is logically organized by theme or subtopic, from broad to narrow;

**[10 marks]**

--synthesizes findings across studies and compares and contrasts different research outcomes, perspectives, or methods;

**[10 marks] – 3 {use diagrams / graphs /**

**tables to help provide more coverage and depth to the review of the literature}**

--notes {gaps, debates, or shortcomings in the literature} and provides a rationale for the study; and **[10 marks]**

- Theoretical/Conceptual framework: The conceptual framework draws on theory and research and **examines the relationship among constructs and ideas**. As such, it is the structure or heuristic that guides your research. In essence, the conceptual

framework provides the theoretical and methodological bases for development of the study and analysis of findings. When appropriate, a graphic depiction of the model is included, **showing the relationships between concepts, ideas, or variables to be studied.**

**[25 marks] – 15**

**{You need to identify, from the literature, the important variables that you will be observing/testing/analyzing in your research}**

- ☐ Summary: A comprehensive synthesis of the literature review should complete this section. **[5 marks]**

### **Chapter 3: Research Methodology [ out of 100] –**

**Introduction: The introduction restates the research purpose and describes the organization of the chapter. [5 marks]**

- ☐ Research Design: rationale for their suitability regarding addressing the research questions, and citing appropriate methodological literature.

**[5 marks]**

- ☐ *Data collection methods*: This section describes and justifies all data collection methods, tools, instruments, and procedures, including how, when, where, and by whom data were collected. **[10 marks]**

- ☐ Software & Technology Related Design **[20 marks]**

- ☐ Comprehensive Experiment Framework **[15 marks]**

- ☐ Data Analysis Methods **[15 marks]**

- ☐ Research Validation **[15 marks]**

- ☐ Assumptions of the Study **[5 marks]**

- ☐ Limitations of the Study **[5 marks]**

- ☐ Summary: A comprehensive summary overview covers all the sections of this chapter, recapping and highlighting all the important points. Discussion is concise and precise. **[5 marks]**

### **Chapter 4: Research Findings [100]**

- Introduction: The introduction provides a brief summary of and rationale for how data were analyzed. It describes the organization of the chapter according to research questions, conceptual framework, or thematic categories. **[5 marks]**
- Software Development & Testing Strategy **[35 marks]**

- Data Analysis **[35 marks]**
- Report Findings: Present findings in relation to research question **[20 marks]**
- Summary: This section explains in summary form what the chapter has discovered, and also prepares the reader for the chapter to follow. **[5 marks]**

### **Chapter 5: Conclusions, Discussion, and Suggestions for Future Research [/100]**

- Introduction: The introduction provides an overview of the chapter's organization and content. **[5 marks]**
- Discussion: This section provides an in-depth interpretation, analysis, and synthesis of the results/findings **[40 marks]**
- Conclusion: Conclusions are not the same as findings; neither are conclusions the same as interpretations. Rather, conclusions are essentially conclusive statements of what you now know, having done this research that you did not know before. **[35 marks]**
- Recommendations are actionable; that is, they suggest implications for policy and practice based on the findings, providing specific action plans and next steps. **[20 marks]**

### **Thesis Manuscript**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Chapter 1 : Introduction / Abstract / Front / Back Matters	<b>5</b>	<b>75%</b>
Chapter 2 : Literature review	<b>5</b>	
Chapter 3 : Methodology	<b>15</b>	
Chapter 4: Findings	<b>15</b>	
Chapter 5: Conclusion	<b>10</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	
<b>% Score for Thesis Proposal Draft Manuscript</b>		