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1. The format of the title page of the dissertation should be as follows (spaced out with blank lines as appropriate):

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2. The front cover should be followed by the following pages: i) the title page (again), ii) an abstract giving a summary of the dissertation not exceeding six hundred words, iii) acknowledgements (as appropriate), and iv) a list of contents including all chapters, appendices and bibliography. You may also include v) a list of illustrations, figure by figure but this is not necessary. Each listed item should have a reference number and page number.

3. The body of the dissertation must not exceed 15,000 words excluding front pages, appendices, and bibliography.

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5. Students who feel they require further guidance are advised to look at dissertations produced by students who have previously completed the course.