**Thesis/Dissertation Template Starter**

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This template is meant to help you put your thesis or dissertation in order before you bring it in for a successful format check. Presented herein are all possible sections you might need for your document (i.e., Table of Contents, Table of Figures, Acknowledgements, etc). Page numbers, margins (1.5” left, 1” right), font styles (12pt Times New Roman) are already set in this template in order to help you out.

Table of Contents, List of Figures, and List of Tables can be tricky sections to complete. As such, there is a link in this document to a Table of Contents helper that should aid in the creation of these components of your final document.

If you already know how to set the style of your section headings you are ready to go. Under styles you will find: ChapterNum (**CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION**- CAPS, already centered), ChapSub (**1.2 Thesis Fun** - already centered), ChapSubSub (**1.2.1 Types of Thesis Fun**- always left). All section titles are 12pt font, bold, and Times New Roman. Table of Contents requires just Level Three headings.

Highlighted words are words that should be either be deleted or changed before you compose your final draft.

Delete this introduction page from your final draft. The first page should be the title page which follows on the next page.

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ABSTRACT

This is where you place your abstract. An abstract is simply a concise (usually between ½ of a page and ¾ of a page) explanation of your document from motivation to conclusion. The abstract page is single spaced. It is officially page i but it is not labeled (you will see that there is no page number below).

The first line of each paragraph is indented ½ an inch, and double space between paragraphs.

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You might want to take this opportunity to thank everybody significantly influential in your endeavor to complete your thesis. You should keep this section to a page, 1.5 pages maximum. It has been suggested that the only people who truly read this section are those who know they are mentioned within it.

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CHAPTER 1: CHAPTER NAME (CAPS)

1.1. Section Name

Here you can write your thesis. Perhaps you would like to make a reference [1]. Or, maybe you have many references saying the same thing [4-7].

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1.2. Section Breaks

Below, Page Breaks will be discussed. Here, Section Breaks, a different animal than Page Breaks, will be covered. A Section Break is the tool that allowed us to switch from the List of Tables on page v to Chapter 1 on page 1. Thus, Section Breaks allow one to define distinct sections in a single document, each governed by its own formatting.

One of the beauties of the Section Break is mentioned above, specifically, the ability to stop one form of page numbering and begin another on the next page. In this template, at the end of Title page, one section ends and another section begins with the Acknowledgements page. By placing the cursor after the last line of the page, open the Insert drop-down menu (at the top of the window) and select Break… On the resulting menu, choose the “next page” option under Section Break. This will move the cursor to a new page. If the previous page had a certain numbering system, the new page can have an entirely new numbering system.

1.2.1. Page Numbering

Numbering pages can be controlled a number of ways. Most notably, to start numbering pages, use the Insert menu and select Page Numbers. This will open a menu that governs the style, starting point, location, etc of page numbers. Further, one can access this menu more directly once page numbers are placed on the page. Simply double click on the page number you wish to change and proceed to make the changes.

1.3 Figures

1.3.1. Inserting a Figure

To insert a figure, copy the desired image from its source. Then, in this document, right click on the location where you would like to place the figure, and select Copy from the menu that appears. To add a caption, right click on the figure and select Caption to insert the word “Figure” and the number of the figure. You add the caption in the document itself. The Caption menu just lets you add the word Figure, Equation, Table, etc. See below for how to reference a Figure, Table, etc. (Figure 1).

Figure 1:

*Left justify the Caption Above the Figure and Center the Figure on the Page*



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1.3.2. Tables

Place a table caption above the actual table. Do this by right clicking on the table, selecting caption, and changing the option within the caption menu.

Table 1:

*See Below for How to Create a Table Caption*

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| --- | --- |
| Data 1 | Value 1 |
| Data 2 | Value 2 |

1.4. Creating Tables

Creating a table starts with the Table menu. Select Insert from the drop-down menu, and choose Table. Select the size and options as you require. Adding a caption is accomplished in the same manner as with figures. In order to reference the Table in the body of the text, click the Insert menu and select Reference → Cross-reference. From the menu that appears, choose Table from the Reference Type drop-down list and select how you want the reference to appear, such as just the label and the number (Table 1). Tables should only have horizontal lines as in example above.

CHAPTER 2: CHAPTER NAME

2.1. Page Breaks

The new chapter should start on a new page.

To accomplish a new page without relying upon returns, use the Insert menu. Place the cursor at the end of the previous chapter, after the last sentence. From the Insert drop-down menu, select Break… and choose Page Break from the resulting menu. This will ensure that the next Chapter begins on a new page with continuous numbering.

2.2. More Help

There are going to be many questions left unanswered by this template. However, you have volumes of resources at your disposal. Aside from the Thesis and Dissertation Guidelines on the Graduate College web site, Microsoft Word Help Menu, the CIT (Computer and Information Technology) office is quite knowledgeable on thesis/dissertation matters. You can find out more about contacting CIT through their website [www.uvm.edu/cit/](http://www.uvm.edu/cit/).