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# Chapter 1: Introduction

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\* Starts with an introductory paragraph or two. Heading labeled Introduction not required in APA. Instead, a descriptive paragraph required.

\* See Checklist.

\* Required APA h1 headings are listed below. Add extras if needed.

\* Page count a guide and wording needs to be deleted from each heading.

\* Delete all the above wording.

## Background of Study

Start here (indent included).

\*3 pages (generally)

### Any Headings Level 2 (Subtopics, replace with your subtopic term)

Start here (indent included).

#### Any Headings Level 3 (use if additional subheading)

Start here (indent included).

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## Problem Statement

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2 to 1 page (generally)

## Purpose of Dissertation Study

Start here (indent included).

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## Significance of the Study

Start here (indent included).

\*1 page (generally)

## Nature of Study

Start here (indent included).

\*1-5 pages (generally)

## Research Questions and Hypotheses

Start here (indent included).

\*1-5 pages (generally)

\* Qualitative methods: Proposed research questions must be included in discussion.

\* Quantitative methods: Research questions must be included in discussion, and depending on the kind of research design, these questions may include proposed hypothesis(es) and the rationale for the hypothesis(es). If no hypotheses, remove “and Hypotheses” from heading.

\* Information is presented in a discussion context, rather than simply stated or listed.

\* Delete all this wording.

## Conceptual or Theoretical Framework (2-4 pages)

Start here (indent included).

\*2-4 pages (generally)

\* Places the study in perspective among other relevant studies and describes the important issues, perspectives, and controversies in the field under investigation.

1. Discussion reflects overview of the broad theoretical area under which the research falls.

2. Overview of how proposed research fits within other research in the field.

3. Include important issues, perspectives, and controversies in the field.

4. Should reflect student knowledge and familiarity with the historical, germinal, and current literature in the field.

\*Graphic depicting framework may be added and explained. Use APA format for figures.

\* Delete all this wording.

## Definitions

Start here (indent included).

\* Should contain the following information in APA bullet list format:

1. All definitions needed to represent operational terms or words used in a unique way; discussion clarifies uniqueness.

2. Support definitions with citations.

3. See example:

* Definition 1 Term Here: Clear definition of term (APA citation).
* Definition 2 Term Here: Clear definition of term (APA citation).

\* Delete all this wording.

## Scope, Limitations, and Delimitations

Start here (indent included).

\*1-2 pages (generally)

\* Should contain the following information:

1. Discuss/identify scope, limitations, and delimitations of data used in the study.

2. Discuss the generalizability of the study findings.

3. Information is presented in a discussion context, rather than simply stated or listed.

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## Assumptions

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-2 pages (generally)

\* Should contain the following information:

1. Identified assumptions of the study.

2. Rationale for each assumption is given, incorporating multiple perspectives, when appropriate scope, limitations, and delimitations

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## Chapter Summary

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-1 page (generally)

1. Discussion summarizes key points presented in chapter 2.

2. Supporting citations are given for key points.

3. Chapter summary ends with transition discussion/sentence to next chapter.

4. Information is presented in a discussion context, rather than simply stated or listed.

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# Chapter 2: Literature Review

Start here (indent included).

\* Starts with an introductory paragraph or two. While a total chapter page count is not provided, the length should be sufficient to show your expertise of the known literature related to your topics and subtopics, concepts, and/or variables.

\* No subtitle is given to this section. 2 required parts

1. Discussion begins with dissertation topic transition to introduction of a review of the literature for the dissertation research.

2. Discussion reflects brief overview of what is contained in the chapter.

\* Potential APA h1 headings follow. Delete any you do not use. Add extras if needed. Combine if necessary.

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## Main Topic Heading (Replace with topic name; repeat for each topic)

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**Any Headings Level 4 (use if additional subheading).** Start first sentence immediately after heading period.

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\*Requirements of Literature Review (for each main topic/concept/variable):

1. Organization is presented in an orderly, logical, and flowing manner.

2. Provide a brief explanation of your literary search process and the types of references (a table identifying the number of books, journals, industry publications, dissertations, etc. may be beneficial).

3. Historical overview with appropriate citations is presented. If appropriate, a discussion of any gaps in the research literature is included. Discussion of germinal research is included.

4. Current findings and studies with appropriate citations are presented. If appropriate, a discussion of any gaps in the research literature is included.

5. Current findings, discussed in order from general to specific, are related to the research question.

6. Each research variable is discussed.

7. Discussion has depth and presents an analysis of the literature rather than a listing of quotations and citations. Discussion relates a logical understanding of why a reference is included.

8. Balanced discussion of alternative viewpoints is given. The literature compares and contrasts different points of view regarding research in the field.

9. A balanced literature review should include seminal (foundational) work from original publications, authors, or experts on the provided topics and recent work showing what has been examined, changes occurring within your topic areas or field, and any expectations of upcoming changes or innovations in order to determine literary gaps. While there is not a specific percentage requirement on the currency of publication dates, the content provided throughout this chapter should show an expert understanding of the foundational and current trends, viewpoints, and changes within the provided topics or fields. Ensure to properly cite all material retrieved from other sources and add the reference to the References page in APA format.

\*This is not a book report. Topics should be explained through a synthesis of multiple references, including APA citations (and added to References page). This can include references of journal articles, research documents, industry websites or publications, historical data, and other academic or practitioner literature.

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## Implication of Literature Review

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-1 page (generally)

1. Discussion reflects any overall consensus or contradictions derived from the analysis of the literature review.

2. Discussion should confirm any gap in the literature that leads to the need for your research study being described in Chapter 3.

3. Supporting citations are given for key points

4. Information is presented in a discussion context, rather than simply stated or listed

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## Chapter Summary

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1. Discussion summarizes key points presented in chapter 2.

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# Chapter 3: Methodology and Design

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## Research Method and Design Appropriateness

Start here (indent included).

\*1-2 pages (generally)

\*Describe the methodology chosen (qualitative, quantitative, mixed methods) and the design used.

\*Explain why the method and the design are appropriate for this study.

### Any Headings Level 2 (Subtopics, replace with your subtopic term)

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## Population and Sampling

Start here (indent included).

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\*Explain the traits of the population needed for each data set and how you plan to sample the population.

## Data Collection Procedures and Rationale

Start here (indent included).

\*1-3 page (generally)

\*This section should provide a sequential, step-by-step process for the data collection procedures.

\*Explain any instruments or protocols being used for data collection.

\*Details in this section should allow for replication of your study.

## Validity and Reliability: Internal and External

Start here (indent included).

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## Data Analysis Procedures

Start here (indent included).

\*1-3 page (generally)

\*This section should provide a sequential, step-nu-step process for the data analysis procedures.

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## Organization and Clarity

Start here (indent included).

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\*Explain how you will maintain organization within the research processes and how raw data and analysis data will be kept and protected.

## Chapter Summary

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# Chapter 4: Analysis and Results

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## Pilot Study

Start here (indent included).

\*1-2 pages (generally), if used.

\*Explain the process and results of any pilot study conducted.

\*Remove this section if no pilot study conducted.

## Results

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-1 page (generally)

\*This is the bulk of your final dissertation.

\*Explain what actually happened in your study collection and analysis procedures, including how much data was collected and analyzed.

\*May add data excerpts as examples of relevant results.

\*Tell us what the results are of your research.

\*Use tables, graphs, and other figures, as necessary, to succinctly describe data; use proper APA format for each item.

## Chapter Summary

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# Chapter 5: Findings and Recommendations

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## Limitations

Start here (indent included).

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\*Describe anything that may have limited your findings.

### Any Headings Level 2 (Subtopics, replace with your subtopic term)

Start here (indent included).

#### Any Headings Level 3 (use if additional subheading)

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**Any Headings Level 4 (use if additional subheading).** Start first sentence immediately after heading period.

***Any Headings Level 5. (use if additional subheading).*** Start first sentence immediately after heading period.

## Findings and Interpretations

Start here (indent included).

\*2-5 pages (generally)

\*Specifically state each research question and the exact answer to the research question(s).

\*Explain how you used the data analysis to determine this answer to each research question.

\*Provide any clarifications on your interpretation of what the answer means.

## Overall Implications of the Study

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\*Explain the relevance of knowing the answers to the research question(s). Why are they important to the reader?

## Practical Implications for the Field of Study

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-1 page (generally)

\*Explain how the findings relate to new recommendations for the field or industry.

## Contributions to the Body of Knowledge

Start here (indent included).

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\*Explain how the findings lead to new contributions to the literature within the topic areas of the study. This may include new gaps that have been created.

## Recommendations for Future Research

Start here (indent included).

\*1/2-1 page (generally)

\*Explain what new or additional research may be needed to expand on the findings of this study topic or to evaluate new gaps found. This should include general discussion and specific recommendations (such as methods, designs, populations, industries, etc. to examine).

## Chapter Summary

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