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2.1 The Format of Headings

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Table 1. Example of a Table

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2.5.1 Table of Contents

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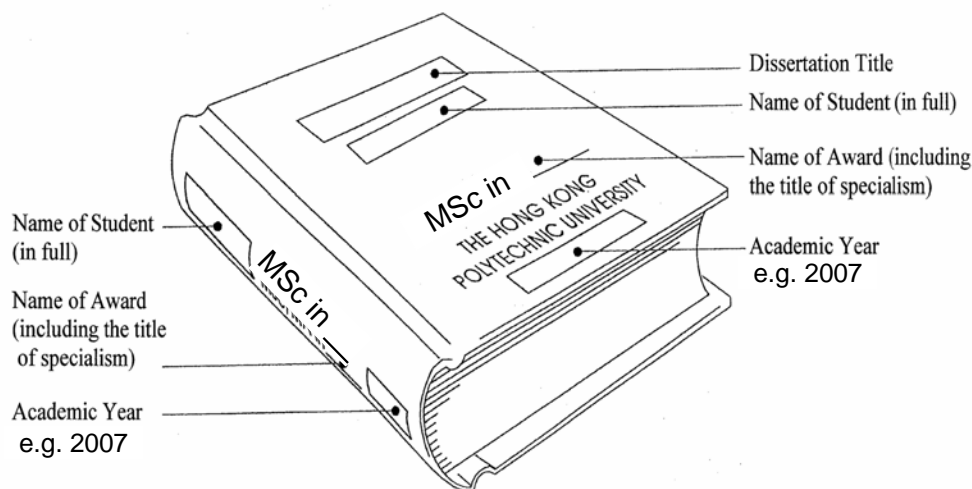


Figure 1. Binding requirements of Dissertation



Figure 2. Sample outlook of a bound MSc dissertation

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