

Report content

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Need to find a way of indicating where sections change in this.

Stage 0: Synopsis

Table 1:

Part/Structure	Writing Guidance Goal(s)
Title	?? At this stage, your title should capture your research area and draft aim. Your title can – and probably will – change as your work progresses.
Abstract 1 Background 2 Research Outline 3 Research Design 4 Knowledge contribution	?? At this stage, your abstract should capture your research area and possible knowledge contributions and include key papers that have inspired your choices.
1 Introduction	?? At this stage you should be able to give an introduction to your research topic and its wider context as your Introduction
References	?? At this stage you should be able to demonstrate your use of a BMT, mentioning key papers in the abstract. They should be in the required bibliographical style.

Stage 1

Table 2:

Part/Structure	Writing Guidance Goal(s)
Working title	Updated in the light of your work on this stage
Abstract 1 Background 2 Research Outline 3 Research Design 4 Knowledge contribution	Updated in the light of your work on this stage. Materials from your abstract might form the basis of your Introduction and its subsections.
1 Introduction 1 Background to the research 2 Justification for the research	?? At this stage you should be able to fill out your introduction from ??, adding an overview and a justification of your intended knowledge contribution in terms of the existing literature, but before the detailed work of subsequent stages. This should consist of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• an introduction to your research topic and its wider context (as background)• the justification of the knowledge contribution your research will make, and include its relevance to you and your research context This section should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be well argued and supported by appropriate citations,• argue how the research fits within the scope of your qualification, and• describe how it meets any other personal, professional or organisational criteria that might exist At this stage, it <ul style="list-style-type: none">• might have missing or only partially completed subsections where the literature has not yet, or only partially been covered• lack complete justification of its worth
2 Literature review 1 Draft review of relevant knowledge 2 Planned further literature review	?? At this stage you should: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• have collected and structured the papers for your initial literature review theme summaries that is based on the work you completed in ?? . Your focus should be on summarising, contrasting and comparing what has gone before with a particular focus on any holes in the literature that you will be attempting to fill with your contribution. As you read more, be aware that holes that you thought were there might close up, which is of relevance to the following section• identify any further reading you intend to undertake in Stage 2 as a result of completing Stage 1. (As your reading of the literature becomes more complete, this section will shrink. In the final draft, this section will not appear.) Be clear to describe how the papers you intend to read might relate to holes already found.
3 Research definition	

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Part/Structure	Writing Goal(s)	Guidance
1 Problem statement 2 Aim and objectives 3 Knowledge contribution	??	<p>At this stage you should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make a well articulated research problem statement that is based on the work you completed in ?? • complement this with your statement of your aim and objectives that is based on the work you completed in ?? • describe clearly the intended knowledge contribution of your research which fits together with the holes in the literature that you have discovered that is based on the work you completed in ??
4 Research design 1 Evidence and data 2 Research methods 3 Ethics and other constraints	??	<p>At this stage you should be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • demonstrate your engagement with research design, including descriptions of the kind of data, evidence, and methods you may need; • justify these choices in relation to your research problem, aim and objectives • evidence your careful consideration of ethics and regulations, and that your research will comply with your course and other constraints, including university guidelines, that you will be operating under during your research.
References	??	<p>At this stage you should be able to demonstrate your use of a BMT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • building an initial bibliography; • in the required bibliographical style.
Progress 1 Qualification fit 2 Personal and professional fit 3 Technical skills and resources needed 4 Statement of feasibility 5 Personal reflection on research process	??	<p>In this section you should argue how your research is a good fit across all criteria. You should provide a clear rationale as to why you think what you are proposing is feasible. You should also reflect on your growing understanding of the research process, including key learning and aspects you have found particularly challenging.</p>
Reflection 1 Key priorities in follow-up stage 2 Personal and professional fit 3 Work schedule 4 Risk assessment 5 Risk Assessment Table	????	<p>In this section you should reflect on the progress you have made in Stage 1 in relation to your initial work plan and establish your priorities for the next stage. For this, you should revise your initial work plan (??) accordingly. You should also summarise the outcome of your project risk assessment (??).</p>

Stage 2

Table 3:

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
	<p>At this stage, your title should continue to capture succinctly your research problem and aim.</p> <p>If these have changed you should consider whether you need to update your title accordingly.</p>	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Introduction		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Background to the research	At	
2 Justification for the research	this	
3 Fitness of the research	stage	

you should be able to give an overview of and justify your intended research before the detailed work of subsequent stages. This should consist of:

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2 Literature review		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Draft review of relevant knowledge	<i>This</i>	??
2 Planned further literature review	<i>sec-</i> <i>tion</i> <i>should</i> <i>con-</i> <i>sist</i> <i>of</i> <i>the</i> <i>cur-</i> <i>rent</i> <i>state</i> <i>of</i> <i>your</i> <i>cur-</i> <i>rent</i> <i>liter-</i> <i>a-</i> <i>ture</i> <i>re-</i> <i>view,</i> <i>de-</i> <i>vel-</i> <i>oped</i> <i>in</i> <i>this</i> <i>stage</i> <i>by</i> <i>fol-</i> <i>low-</i> <i>ing</i> <i>the</i> <i>ad-</i> <i>vice</i> <i>in</i> <i>Sec-</i> <i>tion ?'</i> <i>At</i> <i>this</i> <i>point,</i> <i>it</i> <i>should</i>	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
3 Research definition		

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Table 3: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Problem statement		
2 Aim and objectives		
3 Knowledge contribution		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
4 Research design		

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Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Evidence and data		
2 Research methods		
3 Ethics and regulations		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
References		

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	<p>You should keep your references in good order and ensure you apply the required bibliographical style consistently. Ideally, you should use a BMT to generate and integrate your</p>	

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Table 3: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Qualification fit		
2 Personal and professional fit		
3 Technical skills and resources needed		
4 Statement of feasibility		
5 Personal reflection on research process		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Key priorities in follow-up stage	Con-	?? ??
2 Personal and professional fit	tains	
3 Work schedule	your	
4 Risk assessment	re-	
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Stage 3

Table 4:

Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Title		Your title should succinctly capture your research problem and aim
1 Introduction		

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Table 4: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Background to the research 2 Justification for the research		<p>This section should provide an introduction to your research topic in its wider context (as background and your justification of why the research is worth pursuing. It should</p>
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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
2 Literature review		

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Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Review of existing relevant knowledge	Your	Bryman et al., 2011; Gummesson, 2007;
2 Critical summary, including knowledge gap to be addressed by the research	re-view should	Gummesson, 2007; Bryman et al., 2011;
	pro-vide	Gummesson, 2007; Bryman et al., 2011;
	a criti-cal ac-count	Gummesson, 2007; Bryman et al., 2011;
	of your in-depth en-gage-ment with the aca-demic (and other) rele-vant liter-a-ture, in-clud-ing iden-tify-ing key trends ideas and pos-sible	Gummesson, 2007; Bryman et al., 2011;

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
3 Research definition		

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Table 4: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Problem statement		
2 Aim, objectives, tasks and deliverables		
3 Knowledge contribution		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
4 Research design		

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Table 4: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Evidence and data		
2 Research strategy and methods		
3 Research procedures		
4 Ethical, legal and EDI considerations		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
5 Analysis and interpretation		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Pilot work	<p>This section should report on a well thought out pilot work which clearly and consistently tests some significant aspects of your research design.</p> <p>It should demonstrate good critical reflection.</p>	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
References		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
	<p>You should keep your growing references in good order and ensure you apply the required bibliographical style consistently. Ideally, you should use a BMT to generate and integrate</p>	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Progress		

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Table 4: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Qualification fit	In	
2 Personal and professional fit	this	
3 Technical skills and resources needed	sec-	
4 Statement of feasibility	tion	
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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Reflection		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Key priorities in follow-up stage	In ?? ??	
2 Personal and professional fit	this	
3 Work schedule	sec-	
4 Risk assessment	tion	
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Stage 4

Table 5:

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Title		

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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Abstract	Your title should continue to capture succinctly your research problem and aim. <i>It is likely this is the same as, or very similar to, that in Stage 3</i>	
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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s) You should in- clude your draft ab- stract pro- vid- ing a suc- cinct ac- count of your re- search to date
1 Introduction		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Background to the research		
2 Justification for the research		
3 fitness of the research		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Literature review		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Review of existing relevant knowledge	Your	
2 Critical summary, including knowledge gap to be addressed by the research	re- view	should

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Research definition		

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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Problem statement		
2 Aim, objectives, tasks and deliverables		
3 Knowledge contribution		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Research design		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Evidence and data		
2 Research strategy and methods		
3 Research procedures		
4 Ethical, legal and EDI considerations		
	<p>This section should demonstrate your critical engagement with all elements of research design, including a detailed account of the data and evidence needed in your research the relevant literature.</p>	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Analysis and interpretation		

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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Summary and analysis of evidence	This	
2 Summary of key findings	sec-	
3 Interpretation in relation to aim and objectives	tion should	

This section should demonstrate substantial progress towards generating and analysing your data and evidence, and interpreting them in relation to aim and objectives.

It should demonstrate

Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
References		<p>You should keep your growing references in good order and ensure you apply the required bibliographical style consistently.</p>
Work planning and risk assessment		

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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Statement of progress 2 Key priorities in follow-up stage 3 Risk assessment		<p>In this section you should reflect on the progress you have made in Stage 4 and establish your priorities for the next stage. You should also review your risk assessment as far as possible.</p>

Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Appendix - Raw evidence		<p>If relevant, you should include a sample of your raw data as an appendix.</p>
Appendix - Work schedule		<p>You should include your revised work plan as an appendix.</p>
Appendix - Risk assessment table		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
	You should in- clude your up- dated risk table as an ap- pendix	
Progress		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Qualification fit	In	
2 Personal and professional fit	this	
3 Technical skills and resources needed	sec-	
4 Statement of feasibility	tion	
5 Personal reflection on research process	you	
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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Reflection		

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Table 5: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Key priorities in follow-up stage	In ?? ??	
2 Personal and professional fit	this	
3 Work schedule	sec-	
4 Risk assessment	tion	
5 Risk Assessment Table	you	
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Stage 5

Table 6:

Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage
Title	Your title should capture succinctly your research problem and aim
Abstract	Your abstract should provide a succinct account of your research
Chapter 1: Introduction	

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Background to the research		
2 Justification for the research		
3 Fitness of the research		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Chapter 2: Literature review		

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Review of existing relevant knowledge 2 Critical summary, including knowledge gap to be addressed by the research	Your review should provide a critical account of your in-depth engagement with the academic (and other) relevant literature, including identifying key trends ideas and possible	
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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Chapter 3: Research definition		

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Problem statement		
2 Aim, objectives, tasks and deliverables		
3 Knowledge contribution		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Chapter 4: Research design		

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Data		
2 Research strategy and methods		
3 Research procedures		
4 Ethical, legal and EDI considerations		

Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Chapter 5: Analysis and interpretation		

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Summary and analysis of data	This	
2 Summary of key findings	chap-	
3 Interpretation in relation to aim and objectives	ter should	

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
Chapter 6: Evaluation and conclusion		

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Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
1 Evaluation against aim and objectives	In	
2 Evaluation against related work in the literature	this chap- ter	
3 Implications for practice	you should	
4 Validity of the research	re- flect	
5 Further work	on the ex- tent	
6 Personal reflection on your experience	your re- search has met its stated aim and ob- jec- tives, bring- ing to- gether all your find- ings from both pri- mary and sec- ondary re- search	

Table 6: (Continued)

Part/Structure	Writing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
References		You should include all your references and ensure you apply the required bibliographical style consistently.
Appendix - Raw data		

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Part/Structure	Writ- ing goals at this stage	Ref(s)
		<p>If relevant, you should include a sample of your raw data as an appendix.</p>