

Report content

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Stage 3

Table 1:

Part/Structure	Guidance	Ref(s)
Title	Your title should succinctly capture your research problem and aim	
Introduction		
1.1 Background to the research	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 be well articulated and supported by evidence	
1.2 Justification for the research		
Literature review		
2.1 Review of existing relevant knowledge	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 knowledge gaps. Most of your citations should point to academic articles. Your critical summary should highlight key insights from your review and provide a strong justification for your proposed research. Both coverage and depth of your review matter. You should ensure that your review is well structured, with a logical narrative flow and your arguments are well supported by evidence	
2.2 Critical summary, including knowledge gap to be addressed by the research		
Research definition		
3.1 Problem statement	You should ensure that your research problem is well articulated and appropriate for your course and your personal and professional circumstances, that your aim and objectives are consistent with research problem, that tasks and deliverables break down your objectives appropriately and are clearly related to your chosen research methods, and that the intended knowledge contribution of your research is clearly articulated	
3.2 Aim, objectives, tasks and deliverables		
3.3 Knowledge contribution		
Research design		
4.1 Evidence and data	This section should demonstrated your critical engagement with all elements of research design, including a detailed account of the data and evidence needed in your research, the research methods and research strategies you will to apply, and how you will apply them within your project. Your account should be supported by a clear rationale and insights from the related literature, and appropriately justified in relation to your research problem, aim and objectives. It should also demonstrate your careful consideration of ethical and legal matters, and that your research will comply with your course and university requirements	
4.2 Research strategy and methods		
4.3 Research procedures		
4.4 Ethical, legal and EDI considerations		
Analysis and interpretation		
5.1 Pilot work	This section should report on a well thought-out pilot work which clearly and competently test some significant aspect of your research design. It should demonstrate good critical reflection on outcomes and highlight any adjustments needed as a result.	
Assessment of your proposed research		

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6.1 Qualification fit 6.2 Personal and professional fit 6.3 Technical skills and resources needed 6.4 Statement of feasibility 6.5 Personal reflection on research process	In this section you should continue to 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.	
Planning, scheduling and risk assessment		
7.1 Key priorities in follow-up stage 7.2 Personal and professional fit 7.3 Risk assessment	In this section you should reflect on the progress you have made in Stage 2 and establish your priorities for the next stage. You should also review your risk assessment as appropriate.	
References		
	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 your references within your report	
Appendix A: Work schedule		
	Your revised work plan	
Appendix B: Risk assessment table		
	Your revised risk table	