

Report content

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1 Stage 1

Table 1:

Part/Structure	Guidance	Ref
Title		
	Captures succinctly your research problem and aim.	??
Introduction		
1.1 Background to the research	Provides an introduction to your research topic in its wider context (as background) and your justification of why the research is worth pursuing. Its purpose is to given an overview and justify your intended research before entering the detailed work of the subsequent sections. 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.	??
1.2 Justification for the research		
1.3 Fitness of the research		
Literature review		
2.1 Draft review of relevant knowledge	Based on the theme summaries you constructed towards the end of Section ???. You will build on this content in Stage 2 to write an extensive, well-argued literature review to demonstrate your in-depth engagement with the academic (and other) relevant literature. Your planned review should identify further reading you may still have to undertake in Stage 2, although the expectation is that the bulk of your reading (and writing) has taken place in Stage 1, so that you can focus on synthesising your knowledge and understanding in the next stage	??
2.2 Planned further literature review		
Research definition		
3.1 Problem statement	You should ensure that your research problem statement is well articulated, that your aim and objectives are consistent with the research problem, and that the intended knowledge contribution of your research is clearly argued.	??
3.2 Aim and objectives		??
3.3 Knowledge contribution		??
Research design		
4.1 Evidence and data	Demonstrate your initial engagement with research design, particularly that you have thought about the kind of evidence and methods you may need, appropriately justified in relation to your research problem, aim and objectives. It should also demonstrate your careful consideration of ethics and regulations, and that your research will comply with your course and university requirements.	??
4.2 Research methods		
4.3 Ethics and regulations		
Work planning and risk assessment		
5.1 Statement of progress	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 (??).	??
5.2 Key priorities in follow-up stage		??
5.3 Risk assessment		
References		
	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 references within your report	
Appendix - Work schedule		
	You could include it as an appendix for reference	

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Appendix - Risk assessment table		
	You could include your filled-in risk table as an appendix for reference	