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Academic writing is a formal presentation of well structured intellectual findings.

- It should be evidence based

- It should be cohesive

- It should be coherent (articulated ideas should be connected)

Don’t use first or second person pronouns.

Final year project – not less than 10,000 words

M.Sc. Dissertation – not less than 20k

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ABSTRACT

This is the summary or preamble to the entire report. It should include

- The aim

Th researc problem

Methodology used in proposing a solution

Findings, recommendations

In general, the abstract may be organised in three paragraphs

- The aim or purpose of the study

- The methodology

- Summary of findings/results

The word count for abstract

- Thesis – about 500 words

- Dissertation - 250

- Project – about 150 words

Abstract should be written in past tense.