**MSc Project dissertation guidelines**

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* 1. Introduction
  2. Literature Review
  3. Materials and Methods (or methodology)
  4. Results (depending on the subject, results and discussion can be combined)
  5. Discussion (depending on the subject, results and discussion can be combined)
  6. Conclusions
  7. References

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