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The Preliminary Literature Review is the first major project-related piece of work that you need produce and submit. Your PLR should contain an overview of the current state of research, findings and other relevant work related to the topic of your MSc project.

While we do not mandate a particular structure for your PLR and project dissertation, we suggest the following section headings. The precise length of the PLR will depend on how much prior existing work is relevant to your project. However, a target of 5000 words for the PLR is considered reasonable.

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Note that the content of the preliminary literature review may often be used later in the main body of your project dissertation (e.g. in the introductory sections). Therefore, it makes sense that your PLR is as comprehensive and complete as possible.

# Conclusion

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