Examples of Table of Contents

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The following examples of Table of Contents are all acceptable ways to format the thesis when including papers.

Essential Requirements

All theses that include papers must have the following:

- Title page
- Abstract
- Declaration
- Preface – noting collaborations, and contributions to authorship
- Acknowledgements
- Table of contents
- List of tables, figures & illustrations
- Main text/chapters
- Bibliography or list of references
- Appendices

Main Text Examples

Example 1

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Literature review
- **Chapter 3:** Methods
- **Chapter 4:** Paper 1 & general discussion
- **Chapter 5:** Paper 2
- **Chapter 6:** Regular thesis chapter – results
- **Chapter 7**: Regular thesis chapter/general discussion tying in published and unpublished work
- **Chapter 8:** Conclusion
- **Appendices** - May include CD, DVD or other material, also reviews & methods papers

Example 2

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Methods

- **Chapter 3:** Paper 1
- **Chapter 4:** Regular thesis chapter
- **Chapter 5:** Paper 2
- **Chapter 6:** Regular thesis chapter, final preliminary study
- **Chapter 7:** General discussion

Example 3

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Methods
- **Chapter 3:** Paper 1
- **Chapter 4:** Regular thesis chapter
- **Chapter 5:** Regular thesis chapter
- **Chapter 6:** Regular thesis chapter
- **Chapter 7:** Regular thesis chapter, final preliminary study
- **Chapter 8:** General discussion

Example 4

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Methods
- **Chapter 3:** Paper 1
- **Chapter 4:** Paper 2 - e.g. data paper, including meta analyses
- **Chapter 5:** Paper 3
- **Chapter 6:** Paper 4
- **Chapter 7:** Paper 5
- **Chapter 8:** General discussion

Example 5

- **Chapter 1:** Introduction
- **Chapter 2:** Methods
- **Chapter 3:** Major paper
- **Chapter 4:** Normal thesis chapter, final preliminary study
- **Chapter 5:** General discussion

Chapter Examples

<u>Example 1</u>

1. Introduction – including specific aims and hypotheses
2. PDF of paper

<u>Example 2</u>

1. Introduction – including specific aims, hypotheses
2. Methods – results (including validation, preliminary) not included in the paper
3. Results (including validation, preliminary) not included in paper
4. PDF of paper
5. Discussion – expansion of paper discussion, further method development