Graduate Education Officers

Room G20 is in Hackett Hall to the east of Winthrop Hall. Enter the building through the wooden door that is in the middle of the western side of Hackett hall halfway between the GRS reception and Hackett Hall Café. The door has a ‘Research Initiatives’ sign outside. Enter the corridor and continue east for a short distance past the glass door on the left to G20’s wooden door.

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Resources

Find Theses
UWA Library – How to Find Theses http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/research/theses

Postgraduate Research Blogs
Explorations of Style http://explorationsofstyle.com/
Doctoral Writing Special Interest Group (SIG) https://doctoralwriting.wordpress.com/about/
Writing for Research https://medium.com/@Write4Research
Thesis Whisperer http://thesiswhisperer.com/

Academic Writing Resources
Academic Phrasebank http://www.phrasebank.manchester.ac.uk/
Academic Wordlist http://www.victoria.ac.nz/lals/resources/academicwordlist/information
Online Writing Lab (OWL) https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/section/1/
San Francisco Edit http://www.sfedit.net/newsletters.htm

Support at UWA
StudySmarter WriteSmart http://www.student.uwa.edu.au/learning/studysmarter/writesmart

Just for fun….
PhD Comics http://phdcomics.com/comics.php
Font Fights https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m6djQHeqMwQ

What stage of thesis writing are you at? What discipline are you writing for?


The term "thesis" comes from the Greek θέσις, meaning "something put forth", and refers to an intellectual proposition.

A thesis forms the central organising principle for the writing and drives the structure of the text - the thesis is “expression of a singular profound and embracive idea that permeates all aspects of the thesis production”. (Cantwell, 2006, p182).


A thesis statement:
- should have a definable, arguable claim
- should be clear and specific
- should not be a list
- can change during the course of your studies.

What is your thesis?

PhD Passion [https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker/phd-passion](https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/gradhacker/phd-passion)
2. Thesis Format, Components & Structure

“Self doubt and fear of failure are simply reflections of the complexity of the task, not reflections on the individual confronting the task. The issue for writing is rarely one of the ability to write.....it is the task itself that is hard, complex and frustratingly difficult to coordinate and manage” (Cantwell, 2006, p183).

Explore the structure of the thesis using the front pages provided. All of these theses were rated very highly by the examiners. Try not to engage too heavily with the content – start with theses that are very different to your discipline.

Explore variations in:
- font, margins, white space, heading styles
- use of figures
- wording of acknowledgements and dedications
- utility of the contents pages
- length of the thesis
- number and order of thesis chapters

Discuss with your group the features you like, the features you don’t like, and the features you were not expecting.

See Masters and PhD Rules – Thesis
See Style and Format suggestions

2.1 Front Pages

Front page proformas are provided to assist you with the text required in the front pages of your thesis. The proformas also provide a high resolution copy of the UWA logo.

http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/students/thesis/style

You should choose one of the three proformas provided according to whether whether your thesis:

- Does not contain any published work (ThesisFront_NoPublications)
- Contains sole-authored work (ThesisFront_SoleAuthor)
- Contains one of more co-authored publication (ThesisFront_CoAuthor)
Title
A condensed summary of thesis that incorporates key words (important for search engine algorithms). Avoid non-contributing words and abbreviations. Accurately reflect content of thesis. Can/should you move from being descriptive to analytical?


Abstract (400-700 words)
Summary of entire thesis - why you did the work, how you did the work, your main findings/ results, your principal conclusions.

What is your thesis story?

• Once upon a time researchers believed that ................................................ (literature review).
• But then I thought that maybe ................................................................. (aims),
• so, what I did was ............................................................... (method),
• and I've discovered that ................................................................. (findings),
• which changed the way we ............................................................... (contribution to knowledge).
**Contents Page(s)**


Order: Table of contents, List of Figures, List of Tables, Abbreviations

**Acknowledgements**

Typical structure - formal to the least formal thanks: supervisors, other academics, colleagues, family, supportive friends.

Important to acknowledge any person/institution that has contributed funding to the project, other researchers who have been involved in the research, and/or institutions that have contributed to the research in some way.

Should also acknowledge proofreaders and editors.

Writing the acknowledgments: the etiquette of thanking [https://doctoralwriting.wordpress.com/2013/04/18/writing-the-acknowledgments-the-ettiquette-of-thanking/](https://doctoralwriting.wordpress.com/2013/04/18/writing-the-acknowledgments-the-ettiquette-of-thanking/)

**Authorship Declarations**

Allows examiner to assess your contribution to the thesis.

In the declaration, include only the published work included in the thesis = other published work can be noted / included in the appendix.

If co-authored work is included in your thesis, you need to ensure your co-authors are aware of, and approve of, inclusion of the work in your thesis and your statement of contribution to this work.

**2.2 Main Text**

**Introduction**

Typical structure:

1. Describe your research area – what is known
2. Establish a research niche – what is not known
3. Occupy that niche – what is the aim of your project
4. Summarise the thesis structure

Clearly signpost the section describing the aims of the thesis.

**Literature Review**
- Funnel structure (broad to specific), chronological order, process, themes
- Can be located within the introduction
- Can be time-consuming, often structurally difficult, but probably least important to examiner.

Go to GRS Research Skills workshops
http://www.postgraduate.uwa.edu.au/students/resources/workshops

StudySmarter Honours & Masters Workshops

Literature Review HQ. 3 Great Methods To Structure Your Literature Review
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PU2uqFY-I4s

**Research Chapters**
IMRAD structure or separate chapters for methods, results, discussion

**Materials & Methods**
Can be part of every chapter if these are different per chapter.
Do you need to justify your chosen methods?
Methods or methodology? Stop using the word methodology
http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?StopUsingTheWordMethodology

Results
Adapted from Twelve Steps to Writing an Effective Results Section

- Determine which results to present by deciding which are relevant to your aims.
- Organize the data presented in chronological order or another appropriate order.
- Determine whether the data are best presented either as text, figures or tables. Summarize your findings and point the reader to the relevant data in the figure or table. All figures and tables should have in-text references and should be numbered consecutively in the same sequence they are first mentioned in the text. Tables should have titles above and figures should have legends below. Each figure and table must be sufficiently complete that it could stand on its own, separate from the text.
- Provide a clear description of the magnitude of a response or difference.
- Make sure that the data are accurate and consistent throughout the manuscript. Consider your number of significant figures.
- Summarize the statistical analysis and report actual P values for all primary analyses.
- Use the past tense when you refer to your results and write with accuracy, brevity and clarity.

Discussion / Findings / Conclusions / Recommendations

- What you found
- What it means collectively – synthesise your results
- What the limitations of the study were – without making the study appear fatally flawed from the start
- Where to in the future – implications of research, recommendations for future research

2.3 End pages

- References
- Appendices
**Linking Your Thesis through Metadiscourse**

Doctoral writing SIG. Where is this going? Metadiscourse for readers and writers


**Your Thesis Format, Style & Structure**

- Ask your supervisor’s advice on thesis format & style
- Examine other theses in your discipline area for format & style
- Read a concise style guide
- Develop your own style & structure – prepare your own style guide to establish & document the rules you will follow in your thesis (and if your supervisor suggests something – add it to this guide)

**3. Thesis Examination at UWA**

In Australia, higher research degrees (PhD and MPhil) are awarded purely on the basis of the written thesis – examination is independent of the supervisory team (and the university). From Jan 2018, all PhD candidates will also be required to complete an oral examination known as the Viva Voce.

Examiners provide a quantitative report (ranking of 1-6 for 6 areas), a qualitative report (average 100 lines or 2-3 pages) and an overall recommendation for classification.

See UWA Examiner’s Recommendation Forms

UWA Graduate Research School Board considers all examiner’s reports then classifies the thesis.

GRS Seminar Slides: Thesis Examination at UWA.

4. What Do Examiners Expect


- Will examine thesis over period of 2-3 weeks, often at night or on weekends.
- Will initially read abstract, introduction then flip to discussion. Will then go back over the thesis from cover to cover.
- Feel first impressions are important – ‘sloppiness’ with regard to typographical errors, calculations, referencing may be indicative of ‘sloppy’ researcher.
- Are reluctant to fail a thesis.

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<td>Cohesive, succinct, logical progression of ideas</td>
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Aim for a thesis that is

- Argumentative – thesis statement, consistency of aims and argument, synthesis of results
- Rational – justified choice of study, methods and research progression
- Structured – cohesion, metadiscourse, lack of repetition, logical and consistent


Doctoral Writing SIG The examiner-perspective lens for doctoral editing https://doctoralwriting.wordpress.com/2015/03/27/the-examiner-perspective-lens-for-doctoral-editing/
Theses Provided as Examples


Jones, Christopher. 2007. Laser scanning confocal arthroscopy in orthopaedics: examination of chondrial and connective tissues, quantification of chondrocyte morphology, investigation of matrix-induced autologous chondrocyte implantation and characterisation of osteoarthritis. University of Western Australia. School of Mechanical Engineering & School of Surgery and Pathology.


Li, Wen. 2010. Numerical methods for the solution of the HJB equations arising in European and American option pricing with proportional transaction costs. University of Western Australia. School of Mathematics and Statistics


**Selected PhD Rules from UWA Handbook**

http://handbooks.uwa.edu.au/course-rules#id-69908

**Content and format of a thesis (selected rules)**

39. A thesis must be in English unless the Board has approved otherwise.

41.(1) (b) A typescript may be structured in any of a range of ways, including, but not limited to: a monograph; a paper or series of papers suitable for publication in scholarly journals; or a combination of published and unpublished work.

(c) Work that has been published may be presented in the format in which it was published or with the formatting adjusted for consistency with the rest of the typescript.

(4) If a series of papers is presented, there must be a full explanatory introduction and a review article at the end to link the separate papers and to place them in the context of the established body of knowledge.

42. A thesis must include a summary of approximately 250 words.

44.(1) A thesis for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, including footnotes but excluding words in tables, maps, endnotes, bibliographies, appendices and other illustrative matter, normally must not exceed 100,000 words.
Please complete the following pages and insert into the front if your thesis contains ANY CO-AUTHORED published work or work prepared for publication (manuscripts).

If your thesis does NOT CONTAIN ANY published work or manuscripts please use the Thesis Front Pages for theses with NO publications instead.

If your thesis contains ONLY SOLE-AUTHORED work or manuscripts please use the Thesis Front Pages for theses containing SOLE-AUTHORED publications instead.

When completing the following front pages:
Insert text as required into the fields highlighted in yellow.
Delete any green highlighted text that does not apply.
When complete, remove all yellow and green highlights.

You are free to change the style of the pages (such as margins, spacing, font, font size) to match the remainder of your thesis and add any additional pages as required.

For page vii:
- Include one box per publication or manuscript. Add or delete boxes as required.
- Please indicate the thesis chapter, or location within the chapter, where the work appears
- If the work has been published, full bibliographic details of each publication must be included
- Please declare in detail your contribution to each work. The declaration must be signed by all co-authors of all publications or manuscripts. If signatures from all the co-authors cannot be obtained for the work, the Coordinating Supervisor must: (1) provide the reasons for this in Section 5 of the Thesis Submission form; and (2) sign to endorse the declaration.

Please DO NOT include this instruction page in your thesis.
This thesis is presented for the degree of [Doctor of Philosophy/Master] of The University of Western Australia

[Insert School (s)]

[Insert Discipline(s) (where applicable)]

[Insert year of submission]
THESIS DECLARATION

I, [insert name], certify that:

This thesis has been substantially accomplished during enrolment in the degree.

This thesis does not contain material which has been submitted for the award of any other degree or diploma in my name, in any university or other tertiary institution.

No part of this work will, in the future, be used in a submission in my name, for any other degree or diploma in any university or other tertiary institution without the prior approval of The University of Western Australia and where applicable, any partner institution responsible for the joint-award of this degree.

This thesis does not contain any material previously published or written by another person, except where due reference has been made in the text and, where relevant, in the Declaration that follows.

The work(s) are not in any way a violation or infringement of any copyright, trademark, patent, or other rights whatsoever of any person.

The research involving human data reported in this thesis was assessed and approved by The University of Western Australia Human Research Ethics Committee. Approval #: [insert approval number(s)]

Written patient consent has been received and archived for the research involving patient data reported in this thesis.

The research involving animal data reported in this thesis was assessed and approved by The University of Western Australia Animal Ethics Committee. Approval #: [insert approval number(s)]

The research involving animals reported in this thesis followed The University of Western Australia and national standards for the care and use of laboratory animals.

The following approvals were obtained prior to commencing the relevant work described in this thesis: [List approvals here]

Third party editorial assistance was provided in preparation of the thesis by [insert name/company].

The work described in this thesis was funded by [insert name of grant and grant identification numbers].

Technical assistance was kindly provided by [insert name of assistant(s)] for [insert description of assistance] that is described in [insert location in thesis].

This thesis contains published work and/or work prepared for publication, some of which has been co-authored.

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AUTHORSHIP DECLARATION: CO-AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

This thesis contains work that has been [published and/or prepared for publication].

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Date: [insert date]

I, [insert name of coordinating supervisor] certify that the student statements regarding their contribution to each of the works listed above are correct.

Coordinating supervisor signature: [insert signature]  
Date: [insert date]
The format and style of your thesis should meet the requirements of your discipline and the needs of your examiners.

The Graduate Research School only have a small number of style and format requirements for theses. This gives you the flexibility to format your thesis to fit your discipline and project needs. To make good decisions about the appearance of your thesis, read the rules of your course, review your examination criteria, look at similar theses in the UWA Research Repository, and discuss your thesis format with your supervisors. Also aim for a thesis that is logical and easy to read. Your choice of fonts, font sizes, margins, heading styles, the amount of white space used, and the number and titles of chapters should be informed by the needs of your reader.

There are a number of thesis requirements that apply to all higher degree by research students. Details of these requirements and proformas are provided below to help you with these statements and declarations:

A proforma for the front pages of the thesis is provided in the Authorship Declaration section. You can reformat these pages as required. Please include these front pages, complete with the appropriate signatures, in the electronic version of your thesis submitted for examination.

For further advice about the style and format of your thesis you can attend one of the Graduate Research School workshops on thesis writing or contact one of the Graduate Education Officers.

1. Title page

You should include:

- title of your thesis in full
- your names and degrees
- statement of presentation in the form: "This thesis is presented for the degree of [Doctor of Philosophy/Master] of [insert name of degree] of The University of Western Australia". If you are enrolled in a degree which has examinable components other than a thesis, you should state: "This thesis is presented in partial fulfilment of the requirements for the [insert name of degree]".
- school
- discipline (where applicable)
- year of submission

2. Thesis declaration

The thesis declaration certifies that the thesis is your work, has been completed during the
course of your degree, and does not breach any ethical rules with regard to the conduct of the research. You are required to sign this declaration. Electronic signatures are accepted but please do not use an Adobe 'digital' signature. If you would like to use a e-signature please insert an image of the written signature (also known as a 'wet' signature).

3. Abstract/summary

The abstract or summary should summarise the appropriate headings, aims, scope and conclusion of the thesis in about 250 words, but no more than 700 words.

4. Table of contents

5. Acknowledgements

If you are the recipient of a Research Training Program (RTP) fees offset scholarship and/or a RTP stipend scholarship you need to acknowledge receipt of this scholarship(s) in your thesis front pages. Section 1.6.55 of the RTP Guidelines requires universities to ensure the Commonwealth’s contribution is acknowledged in research publications by RTP students where related to the research project.

If you are in receipt of one or both of these scholarships, please include the following sentence in your acknowledgements: "This research was supported by an Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Scholarship".

6. Authorship declaration

Your thesis needs to include an authorship declaration. You are required to sign this declaration AND the thesis declaration. Electronic signatures are accepted but please do not use Adobe 'digital' signatures. When using e-signatures, please insert an image of each written signature.

If your thesis does not include published work or work prepared for future publication, your thesis declaration should include a statement to this effect.

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If your thesis includes any co-authored published work or co-authored work prepared for future publication (including work co-authored by you and one or more of your supervisors) you must also declare your contribution to the work. The more detail you can provide the better as your examiners will use your declaration to determine what parts of the work are examinable. All co-authors must sign your authorship declaration, for two reasons: (1) to endorse your declaration and (2) to authorise inclusion of the work in your thesis. The declaration must be signed by all co-authors of all publications or manuscripts. If signatures from all the co-authors cannot be obtained for the work, your Coordinating Supervisor must: (1) provide the reasons for this in Section 5 of the Thesis Submission form; and (2) sign to endorse the declaration.
A proforma for the front pages of the UWA thesis is provided below. Choose the correct proforma according to whether your thesis contains no published work, sole author work or one or more co-authored works.

ThesisFront_NoPublications [DOCX, 565.9 KB] Updated 8 Jan 2018
ThesisFront_SoleAuthor [DOCX, 568.3 KB] Updated 15 Jun 2017
ThesisFront_CoAuthor [DOCX, 569.4 KB] Updated 11 Jan 2018

A template for those students who use LaTeX is also available here.

7. Main text

7.1. Word limits

- PhD theses may not exceed 100,000 words but you are encouraged to prepare theses of no more than 80,000 words. In some disciplines, PhD theses are shorter than 25,000 words.
- Master's theses may not exceed 50,000 words.

The word limit counts footnotes and endnotes but excludes appendices, tables and illustrative matter. However, if a footnote or endnote provides additional bibliographic information about a citation in the main text then it is not included in the word count.

If the word limits are not exceeded, the length of the thesis is at your discretion, taking into account the advice of your supervisor and Head of School. A thesis that exceeds the word limit must be supported with reasons in writing by the Head of School.

7.2 Layout

- For examination, theses should be double or one-and-a-half spaced, A4-sized, with ~2cm margins
- If examiner’s require a hard copy, double-sided printing is encouraged
- After examination, if you wish to bind a hard copy of the final version of your thesis, a 4cm left hand side margin is required

7.4 Tips

- Check that there are no incorrect references, misspellings or typographical errors and that all pages are present and in sequence before your thesis is submitted.
- A thesis may be presented in the form of a typescript, as a published book or paper, or as a series of papers.

8. Bibliography or references

- A consistent method of citing references should be used. Most disciplines have
recommended standard referencing styles. Your school or supervisor can supply you with information on the style you should use.

- If you are jointly enrolled, you should discuss this with supervisors from both disciplines and come to some arrangement which is acceptable to both disciplines.
- The library has citation guides which provide guidance for standard citation types.
- You should also ensure all references cited in the text are listed in the bibliography.

9. Appendices

Copies of your publications may be attached to the thesis as appendices.
Graduate Research School
Examiners' Recommendation Form
Degree of Doctor of Philosophy

“The (PhD) thesis shall be a substantial and original contribution to scholarship, for example through the discovery of new knowledge, the formulation of theories or the innovative re-interpretation of known data and established ideas”

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### RECOMMENDATION FOR CLASSIFICATION

- Please mark one box only and refer Page 2 for the required Merit Criteria Scores –

#### PASS

- [ ] The thesis be **PASSED** with no requirement for correction or amendments and the student be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.
- [ ] The thesis be **PASSED, SUBJECT TO MINOR REVISION** as indicated in my report to the satisfaction of the Board.
- [ ] The thesis be **PASSED, SUBJECT TO SUBSTANTIVE* AMENDMENTS** along the lines indicated in my report.
  
  *The student will normally be instructed to submit a detailed report to the Board of the Graduate Research School outlining the amendments to the thesis. The Board will consider the report and the revisions in determining the final classification, without further reference to the examiners.

#### OR

#### RE-SUBMIT

- [ ] The thesis be **RE-SUBMITTED** for examination after completing the required extra work and revision indicated in my report. (A thesis which must be re-submitted requires alterations of such scale, complexity and/or conceptual significance that their adequacy should be appraised again by an external expert/s).

#### OR

#### AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF MASTER

- [ ] The thesis NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy but be **PASSED** for the appropriate degree of MASTER. (The (Masters) degree must be a substantial work generally based on independent research which shows a sound knowledge of the subject of the research, evidence of the exercise of some independence of thought and ability of expression in clear and concise language).

#### OR

#### FAIL

- [ ] The thesis be **FAILED** and the student NOT be awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy OR the degree of master and NOT be permitted to resubmit the thesis in a revised form.
Please complete the following Merit Criteria Scores for this thesis with respect to the six criteria for award of a Doctor of Philosophy from The University of Western Australia. Please indicate your scores next to each criterion. (Refer Merit Criteria Scores Key)

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☐ I confirm that there is no actual or perceived conflict of interest arising from my examination of this thesis.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: _________________________
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