Thesis and Dissertation Format Guide

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Introduction

To assist you in successfully completing your degree requirements, the Graduate School has prepared the *Thesis and Dissertation Format Guide (Format Guide)*. This guide details the thesis and dissertation requirements covering the preparation and submission of your manuscript.

Although your thesis/dissertation advisor supervises the preparation and final drafts of your manuscript to assure the highest level of quality, the responsibility for writing and editing rests on you, the student. It is also your responsibility to meet applicable deadlines for all thesis/dissertation and degree approval processes. The deadlines are published in the University’s Academic Calendar and they are available on the Graduate School’s website.

As a permanent record of scholarly research, all theses and dissertations completed at Pacific are made available to the public through the University Library and are published online by ProQuest.

The Graduate School and Writing Center staff wish to congratulate you on reaching this final milestone in your graduate degree!

Student Responsibilities

Carefully review and proofread the thesis or dissertation before final approval. You are responsible for the content in the manuscript, including the accuracy of citations and page numbers.

Submit your manuscript and all required forms by deadlines stated in the Graduate School calendar. These deadlines will not be extended.

Committee Responsibilities

Be familiar with the formatting regulations in this guide, alert students to these regulations, support students in their efforts to follow regulations, and refer students to the Writing Center for additional support. Review students’ theses and dissertations for content and compliance with formatting regulations before approval.

Note: Please feel free to schedule a one-on-one meeting with a professional staff member from the Writing Center to discuss thesis/dissertation formatting regulations. You may also schedule an in-person or online formatting workshop for your students; a Writing Center staff member would love to visit your class to discuss formatting regulations with students and answer student questions.

Writing Center Responsibilities

Ensure that all theses and dissertations have been prepared in accordance with the regulations in this guide.

Maintain a 5-business-day turnaround for formatting feedback on theses and dissertations.

Note: The Writing Center will only review theses and dissertations for formatting compliance; in other words, the Writing Center will not check for grammatical errors, proper citations, or typos.

Graduate School Responsibilities

Support students in their efforts to understand thesis/dissertation processes and submit forms.

Certify that all forms related to theses and dissertations are processed with the Registrar’s Office.

Note: A Graduate School representative will communicate with the student regarding ProQuest uploading instructions upon receipt of the *Graduate Program Defense & Completion Form*.
Approved Graduate Degrees at Pacific

The majors listed here are the only ones that appear on the title pages of theses and dissertations:

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Preparation of Manuscript

Approved Styles

Individual departments have approved specific style manuals that reflect the requirements of their disciplines. Use these style manuals for citations and references in your thesis/dissertation, but follow the formatting outlined in this guide for all preliminary pages, order of sections, pagination, margins, and appendices as described and illustrated in the following sections.

The headings illustrated in Appendix M of this guide (page 26) come from the most current guidelines in the American Psychological Association and are preferred for all disciplines at Pacific. Other heading styles may be acceptable if used consistently throughout the manuscript and approved by the student’s Committee Chair and the Graduate School.

The following is a list of the specific style manuals that degree programs have approved. Contact the Graduate School for further clarification.

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<td>Education</td>
<td>APA Manual</td>
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<td>Engineering</td>
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<td>Medical Editors or as approved*</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pharmaceutical &amp; Chemical Sciences</td>
<td>APA Manual</td>
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* The approved style is Medical Editors, but the style from a peer-reviewed journal may be used if recommended by the Committee Chair and approved by the Graduate School.

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Resources

Pacific Writing Center website: [http://pacificwritingcenter.weebly.com/](http://pacificwritingcenter.weebly.com/)
Purdue Online Writing Lab: [https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/purdue_owl.html)
## Arrangement and Content

The thesis/dissertation can be divided into three (3) main parts:
- Preliminary Pages
- Body or Text
- Reference Material

This guide describes the format for the preliminary pages and body/text that must be used for all theses and dissertations at Pacific, regardless of academic discipline. Individual department guidelines determine the style and format of the citations in the text and references.

### Arrangement of Manuscript

The thesis/dissertation contains the following elements:

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<td>Copyright Page</td>
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<td>If included, page 4</td>
<td>Dedication</td>
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<td>Acknowledgements</td>
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<td>Abstract</td>
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<td>Table of Contents</td>
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<td>If needed, page # printed</td>
<td>Appendices</td>
<td>May be required</td>
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</table>

### Title Page (Required)

The form described for the Title Page is standard for all theses/dissertations at Pacific, regardless of academic discipline.

This is page 1, printed on the top right corner.

**Title:** Title should be written in all capital letters (all-caps) and centered.

**Major:** The official academic major that has been approved by the Board of Regents. A list of officially approved graduate degrees appears on page 4.

**Date:** Indicate the year of degree conferral, not the date of defense or date you submitted your thesis/dissertation.

[Thesis Title Page Example](#)  [Dissertation Title Page Example](#)
Approval Page (Required)
Include a list of names and appropriate professional titles of the members of your committee and the department chair. Do not include their signatures.
This is page 2, printed on the top right corner.
Title: Title should be written in all-caps and centered.
Example on page 16

Copyright Page (if applicable)
Psychology MA and all PhD and EdD students must apply for copyright and pay the appropriate fee via ProQuest. If you are not a Psychology MA or PhD/EdD student, you still have the option to apply for copyright, if interested. If you are not applying for copyright, do not include this page. Applying for copyright is done electronically via ProQuest and must be requested at the time of submission. Please contact the Graduate School with any questions.
Example on page 17

Dedication Page (Optional)
If included, the Dedication Page follows the Copyright Page.
The main heading DEDICATION is centered and in all-caps.
Spacing: Double-spaced.
Example on page 18

Acknowledgements Page (Optional)
If included, the Acknowledgements Page follows the Dedication Page.
The main heading ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS is centered and in all-caps.
Spacing: Double-spaced.
Example on page 19

Abstract (Required)
The Abstract is a concise summary of the thesis/dissertation, intended to inform prospective readers about the document’s contents. It usually includes a brief description of the problem investigated, procedures/methods, and the results or conclusions. The Graduate School recommends that the abstract not exceed two (2) pages.
Spacing: Double-spaced.
Title: Title should be written in all-caps and centered.
Example on page 20

Table of Contents (Required)
The Table of Contents (TOC) should appear after the Abstract, and include everything that appears after the TOC.
Example on page 21

Features

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<th>Headings</th>
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<td>- The main heading TABLE OF CONTENTS is centered.</td>
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<td>- The headings listed must match the headings in the text word-for-word, letter-for-letter, including capitalization.</td>
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### Appearance

- Page numbers are uniformly aligned on the right margin with dot leaders connecting to the headings. Tutorials on how to align page numbers in Word can be found by searching online.
- Headings should be consistently indented according to their level. Chapter Titles are against the left 1-inch margin; Level 1 headings are indented ½ inch from left margin; Level 2 headings are indented 1 inch from left margin, and so on.
- Long headings that run over the next line should be appropriately indented (that is, the second line should begin directly below the first) and should be single-spaced. The first line of the heading should stop at least ½ inch from the right margin. See example on page 21.

### Lists (Tables, Figures, Illustrations, Abbreviations, Symbols, Glossary)(may be required)

Each list begins on a new page with the main heading LIST OF ____ or GLOSSARY. Entries for the List of Abbreviations, List of Symbols, and Glossary are arranged in alphabetical order.

- **Spacing**: Individual entries are single-spaced, but double-spaced between entries.
- **Table**: A columnar arrangement of information organized to save space and convey relationships at a glance.
- **Figure**: A graphic such as a chart, graph diagram, map, or photograph.
- **Glossary**: Optional but recommended if the thesis/dissertation content is highly technical or includes specific terminology not widely known outside of the discipline. An alternative option is to include definitions in the first chapter in a section designated Key Terms or Definitions.

**Examples:**

- List of Tables
- List of Figures
- List of Abbreviations
- List of Symbols
- Table in Text
- Figure in Text
- Large Figure or Table
- Rotated Figure or Table

### Appendices

Appendices contain ancillary material that adds to the main body of the text but is not critical to the understanding of its contents. Text should be the same font and size as the other portions of the thesis/dissertation, although alternatives are permitted if approved by the Graduate School. Exceptions might include copies of forms used to gather experimental data, informed consent documents, drawings of special equipment, and examples of output generated by computer programs. Appendices should NOT include copyrighted material (e.g., photocopies of textbook material, photographs, text, etc.).
The quality of anything that appears in an appendix should be appropriate for publication. Regardless of material, the margin requirements must be maintained, even if the appendix appears in landscape rather than portrait mode.

Each appendix should be listed in the Table of Contents along with the title. *Any tables or figures in the appendices must appear in the appropriate List of Tables or List of Figures.*

**Spacing:** Single-spaced.

**Title:** The word “APPENDIX” and title must appear centered and in all-caps at the top of the first page of each appendix. If you have multiple appendices, use the following main heading format centered at the top of the first page of each appendix: APPENDIX A: TITLE; APPENDIX B: TITLE, etc.

**Example on page 32**
General Formatting Requirements

The following format requirements apply to all Pacific theses and dissertations, regardless of discipline.

Margins

Left & Right: 1 inch  
Top & Bottom: 1 inch  
Page Numbers: 3/4 inch from top of page and 1 inch from right margin.

Except for page numbers, the 1 inch all-around margin applies to all material, including figures, headers/footers, footnotes/endnotes, and full-page images. Charts, graphs, and illustrations may be placed horizontally in order to conform to the margin requirements as long as they remain clear and legible—when this occurs, however, the page number must still appear "right-side up," matching the rest of the page numbers in the manuscript.

Font and Size

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<td>Georgia</td>
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Size  
12-point Times New Roman is preferred but not mandatory.  
10, 11, 12pt size can be used. Font size should not go below 10pt in text, figures, etc.

Boldface, Italics, Underlining

Boldface  
Should be used for headings only. (Only exception: if you are reproducing an existing table/figure that uses boldface.)

Italics  
Should be used to indicate titles, Latin scientific names (in text only, not headings), non-English words, and emphasis (should be used sparingly to remain effective).

Underlining  
Emphasis (should be used sparingly to remain effective).

Justification

All main text (except for epigraphs) in the thesis and dissertation should be left-justified.

Spacing

Double-spaced: abstract; dedication; acknowledgements; body of manuscript.  
Single-spaced: block quotations; captions; items in tables, graphs, charts, and numbered or bulleted lists; footnotes/endnotes; material in appendices; epigraphs.

There should be two (2) blank spaces between every sentence.

Pagination

Arabic numerals (e.g., 1, 2, 3) always appear in the top right corner of the header, beginning with the Title Page and continuing sequentially to the last page.  
- Begin each chapter and appendix on a new page.
# Figures and Tables

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<td>Figures and tables should be separated by one (1) blank double-spaced line above and below the surrounding text.</td>
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<td>Figure and table numbering must be either continuous throughout the thesis/dissertation (e.g., Figure 1, Figure 2) or by chapter (e.g., Figure 1.1, Figure 1.2, Figure 2.1).</td>
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<td>Figures and tables should be centered horizontally on the page. <strong>Examples on pages 27, 28</strong></td>
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<td>Figures and tables can appear on a separate page, centered horizontally and vertically within the margins. <strong>Example on page 29</strong></td>
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|           | Large figures and tables may be rotated so that the *top of the figure/table will face the left margin*.  
|           | - The page number must still appear in the top, right corner, matching the rest of the page numbers in the manuscript. **Example on page 30** |
|           | Oversized figures and tables should be avoided, but they can be divided into sections and arranged on adjacent pages if needed. Include the words “(Table # Continued)” or “(Figure # Continued)” above the continued table or figure. **See the example below.** |
|           | *Whenever possible, avoid breaking up a table or figure that could otherwise fit, in its entirety, on a single page.* |
|           | Additional examples of APA style tables can be found in the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association 6th Edition* starting on page 128. |

| Titles and Captions | Figures: Below the figure  
|                     | - The word “Figure” and the figure number are italicized and followed by a period. The figure title should be written in sentence case.  
|                     | Tables: Above the table  
|                     | - The word “Table” and the table number are on their own line. The table title appears on the next line, italicized, and should be written in title case.  
|                     | - In instances where the caption continues on a second page, the word “(Continued)” should appear in front of the continued caption.  
|                     | - Figure and table headings/captions are placed with the same orientation as the figure/table when on the same page. When on a separate page, headings/captions are always placed in vertical orientation, regardless of the orientation of the figure or table. |

| Placement and Style | Single-spaced. |

| Photographs and Computer-Generated Images | Computer-generated images, photographs, and scanned images must be “publication quality.” That is, they should not be pixelated and should be clear to a typical reader. If you’re unsure of the acceptability of an image, please contact the Graduate School. |
Widows and Orphans
Throughout the manuscript, there should be at least two (2) lines of a paragraph on a page. In addition, pages should not end with widows or begin with orphans (this also applies to the References page). Most word-processing programs have control options for avoiding or controlling widows/orphans.

Widow: when the last line of a paragraph appears by itself at the top of the page.

Orphan: first line of a paragraph that’s left alone at the bottom of a page.

The respondents were 839 students primarily or entirely enrolled in online courses at a southeastern university during the 2007–2008 and 2008–2009 academic years. Requests for participants were mass emailed to faculty; extra credit was suggested in the correspondence. Although ethical and academic freedom concerns prevented the identification of individual classes, many professors voluntarily reported that the majority of their students elected to participate. Sixty-five percent of the sample was female. Fifty-three percent of the students were Caucasian, 37% Black, and 5% Hispanic. Five percent reported that they were “Asian.”

This sample illustrates…
Epigraphs
An epigraph is a quotation or saying that typically appears at the beginning of a chapter, intended to suggest its theme. Epigraphs should be single-spaced and centered, positioned one (1) blank double-spaced line below the chapter title.

Usually, epigraphs do not need to be cited in your Reference Page (e.g., if your are quoting a participant, public figure, proverb, etc.), but if you are citing a scholarly source in your epigraph, follow APA block quote format and include the proper citation in the References.

CHAPTER 5: DISCUSSION

“Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”
– John Dewey, American philosopher

Currently, the overall landscape of higher education is undergoing dramatic renovation…
Appendix B: Dissertation Title Page

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TITLE OF DISSERTATION IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS AND CENTERED
2 blank single-spaced lines

By
2 blank single-spaced lines

Jane Q. Student
5 blank single-spaced lines

A Dissertation Submitted to the Graduate School
1 blank single-spaced line between each line
In Partial Fulfillment of the Requirements for the Degree of DOCTOR OF XXXXXXX
2 blank single-spaced lines

School or College Official Major

University of the Pacific Stockton, California

Year of degree conferral

Single-spaced

3/4 inch from top of page

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12 blank single-spaced lines

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Appendix C: Approval Page

TITLE OF THESIS/DISSERTATION
IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS AND CENTERED

By

Jane Q. Student

APPROVED BY:

Thesis/Dissertation Advisor: John S. Jones, Ph.D.

Committee Member: Joan Smith, Ph.D.

Committee Member: Jim Patil, Pharm.D.

Committee Member: Jill M. Sanchez, Ed.D.

Department Chair: Jessica Doe, Ph.D., Ed.D.

* Add or delete as many committee members as appropriate. The Thesis/Dissertation Advisor should not be listed as a committee member. Include the Department Chair.
Appendix D: Copyright Page

1 inch margins all around

Single-spaced

TITLE OF THESIS/DISSERTATION
IN ALL CAPITAL LETTERS AND CENTERED

2 blank single-spaced lines

Copyright 20XX
Current year

By

Jane Q. Student

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DEDICATION

This thesis/dissertation is dedicated to Professor David F. Cox in honor of his retirement from active teaching after 33 years on the faculty.

Text is double-spaced
My gratitude goes to Dr. Janice W. Young for her hours of patience and guidance while I navigated graduate school over the last three years. Her efforts to make me a responsible scientist hopefully will be fruitful. Dr. Donald Beitz has been, and will continue to be, an inspiration to me; I hope my career will be as successful as his has already been. I'm proud to call him "friend" as well as "teacher." The teachings of Dr. David F. Cox will remain with me a lifetime, and I will strive to continue to live up to his high expectations; I will always be one of his students. I am grateful for the guidance provided by Dr. Dare McGilliard, particularly in the operating room and surgical theater.

I thank Dr. Heather Carithers for joining my committee at the final stages of my project; her suggestions were helpful and appreciated. Finally, the teachings and inspiration of the late Dr. David R. Griffith will be a guide to my life and career; he is sorely missed but will be never forgotten.
Appendix G: Abstract Page

The abstract is a short description of the thesis/dissertation with sufficient detail to permit the reader to decide if they want to read it in its entirety. Although it should not contain references, the abstract should include an indication of the purpose, methodology, results, and conclusions. The abstract can be more than one page, and there is no word limit; however, it should be concise.

Text is double-spaced
# Appendix H: Table of Contents

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<td>STRATIFY</td>
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Appendix L: List of Symbols

LIST OF SYMBOLS

\( \alpha \)  
Cronbach’s alpha

\( \lambda \)  
Goodman-Kruskal measure of predictability

\( \beta \)  
longitudinal wavevector

\( \Pi \)  
paragraph

\( n(\omega) \)  
refractive index of step-index fiber

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Appendix M: APA Heading Style in Text

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

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Sixty-five percent of the sample was female. Fifty-three per cent of the students were Caucasian; 37% Black; and 5% Hispanic. Five percent reported that they were “Asian,” “Native American,” or of “Other” ethnicity. Sixteen percent were freshman; the remaining 84% were sophomores, juniors, or seniors. Forty-five per cent of the mothers and 42% of the fathers of the students attended college (Table 1). Ages ranged from 18.82 to 60.87 years (M = 33.18; SD = 8.42). All participants were treated in accord with the American Psychological Association Guidelines for Ethical Conduct (American Psychological Association, 2002), and approval to conduct the study was obtained from the university’s Institutional Review Board.

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*Note.* N = 831. Variable names are in italics.

The respondents were 839 students primarily or entirely enrolled in online courses at a southeastern university during the 2007–2008 and 2008–2009 academic years. Requests for participants were mass emailed to faculty; extra credit was suggested in the correspondence. Although ethical and academic freedom concerns prevented the identification of individual classes, many professors voluntarily reported that the majority of their students elected to participate. Sixty-five percent of the sample was female. Fifty-three per cent of the students were Caucasian; 37% Black; and 5% Hispanic. Five percent reported that they were “Asian,”
Self-efficacy is an individual's belief in their innate ability to achieve goals. Albert Bandura (1982) defines it as a personal judgment of "how well one can execute courses of action required to deal with prospective situations" (p. 14). Expectations of self-efficacy determine whether an individual will be able to exhibit coping behavior and how long effort will be sustained in the face of obstacles (Figure 1). Individuals who have high self-efficacy will exert sufficient effort that, if well executed, leads to successful outcomes, whereas those with low self-efficacy are likely to cease effort early and fail.

Bandura (1982) defined self-efficacy as one's belief in one's ability to succeed in specific situations or accomplish a task. One's sense of self-efficacy can play a major role in how one approaches goals, tasks, and challenges. The theory of self-efficacy lies at the center of Bandura's social cognitive theory, which emphasizes the role of observational learning and social experience in the development of personality. The main concept in social cognitive theory is that an individual's actions and reactions, including social behaviors and cognitive processes, in almost every situation are influenced by the actions that individual has observed in
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APPENDIX A: INFORMED CONSENT FORM

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Consent
I have read and I understand the provided information and have had the opportunity to ask questions. I understand that my participation is voluntary and that I am free to withdraw at any time, without giving a reason and without cost. I understand that I will be given a copy of this consent form. I voluntarily agree to take part in this study.

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