

Thesis tips

Use the 'Manuscript Tips' document to guide writing the bulk of the thesis chapters:

- Abstract (use 'Abstract tips' document)
- Introduction
- Methods
- Results
- Discussion

In addition to those standard sections, your thesis will contain the following sections:

Literature Review

- The key with writing this section is to approach is with the understanding that you are providing sufficient background information for the reader to understand your thesis topic.
- Be sure to start with a good outline.
- Identify about 5 key papers that you will present in detail. These papers should be directly related to your thesis experiment.
- The length of this section varies, but can be 10-20 pages.
- The Literature Review chapter should be thought of as a separate document from each of the other chapters. That is, it may be thought of as a separate manuscript from the thesis.

Hypothesis

- State all hypotheses.
 - Present null and alternative hypotheses.
- Sometimes, you can state research questions in this section as well.

Limitations

- Provide a bullet list of limitations.
- This information will also be included in the discussion section in prose format.

Definitions

- Provide a list of all critical terms and succinct, clear definitions.

Appendices

- Include Informed Consent document.
- Include individual data as best as possible.
- Include any supporting material.