- There should be no other text on a page with a separate figure title
- The pages are consecutively numbered, with the page numbers in the standard position.
- In the List of Figures, the number of the page on which the figure itself appears is the page number listed.
- The format is never used with tables.

#### **Lists of Figures and Tables**

- Lists are necessary if there are two or more figures or tables in text. (If there is only one, the List is optional.)
- Lists of Figures and Tables must agree word for word with figure and table titles in the text.
- The entire title *up to the first period must* be included in the List (exception: parenthetical information may be excluded from the List).
- Figures and tables must be found on the page given in the List.
- Appendix tables and figures must be in the List *if* they are numbered consecutively after the text tables and figures.
- If numbered as A-1, A-2 or any other way that indicates they are in the Appendix, figures and tables do not need to be included in the Lists.
- If all figures (or all tables) are in the Appendix, no lists are needed, regardless of numbering.

#### **Equations**

- Equation numbering is optional and may be consecutive (1, 2, 3) or by chapter/major section (1.1, 1.2, 2.1).
- No two equations may have the same number unless identical, term for term.
- The point size and type style of the equation and its number must match text.
- Placement of equation numbers needs to be consistent throughout the thesis or dissertation (to the left or to the right of the equation).

#### **Footnotes**

- Footnotes appear at the bottom of each affected page
- They may be numbered throughout the text or begin with "1" for each chapter.
- They are in a smaller type size than the text.
- They are single spaced.

#### Notes/Endnotes (See also the handout "Notes and Endnotes" on our website.)

- Notes have the same content as footnotes, except they are a separate section placed either at the end of each chapter or at the end of the last chapter of the thesis or dissertation.
- They are single spaced
- They may be called "Notes" or "Endnotes."
- They may be numbered throughout the text or begin with "1" for each chapter.

#### References

Each thesis or dissertation must contain a formal reference section in one of two locations: at the end of the main text or at the end of each chapter. If the references appear at the end of each chapter, they should be located under a subheading such as "References" or "Bibliography". Numbered references will restart with each chapter. (A notes section is not a substitute for the formal reference section.) The reference list should be consistent, accurate and complete.

Use consistency for the following:

- Title (major heading) of this section—use the same wording typically found in your field of study, such as REFERENCES, LITERATURE CITED, or WORKS CITED. (Major heading is in all capital letters and bold if major headings are bold.)
- Capitalization, punctuation and ordering of information within each citation
- The order of citations (alphabetized, alphabetized and numbered or non-alphabetized and numbered)
- The use of italics, quotation marks, and bold type.

Contents of each citation. Include the following regardless of the style guide being followed:

- Volume number and page range for journal articles
- Publisher and city for books; city for universities, labs or corporations
- Sufficient information for retrieval of unpublished material
- Author or entity, title, date or date accessed and the specific web address for Internet material
- At least five authors before using et al. in a multi-authored publication (exception: SPE style uses three)
- A date (year) for every citation
- Consistency in designation of state names (abbreviated or not)
- Consistency in journal names or abbreviations
- Consistency in ordering multiple entries with same first author.

#### Spacing:

- Use a single space within citations and at least one double space between citations or
- Use double spacing throughout the entire section.

#### **Text Mention of References**

- All references must be cited in the text, and all text citations must be referenced.
- All text citations must be from sources the student has actually used.
- Text mention of citations must follow the style guide approved by your College/department/campus (numbered, dated, etc.).
- The use of first author and et al. for references of three or more authors is acceptable in text mention of references.

#### **Supplemental Sources**

• General references consulted and used as background study (but not cited in text) should be listed under a separate subdivision of the reference section/subheading.

- A first level subheading, such as "Supplemental Sources Consulted," can be added at the end of the sources cited section.
- Follow the same citation style used in the reference section (although this list will be alphabetical by author name, regardless of listing method of the general reference section).
- Since this is a section within the references, it will not be included in the Table of Contents.

#### **Appendices**

- Appendixes are **optional** and used for supplementary material.
- Place the Appendixes after the reference section.
- All Appendix pages need to be numbered; page numbers are continued from the last page of the references.
- All material must be within prescribed margins and be readable in size and legibility (1.5 mm or larger).

#### **Appendix Headings**

- Appendix headings (Appendix designations and titles) should be all capital letters (and bold if major headings (chapter or section titles) are bold).
- Titles more than one line in length must be double spaced, as chapter titles.
- Appendix designations (APPENDIX A, for example) are centered.
- Appendix titles are centered, all capital letters and at least one double space below designation:

#### APPENDIX A

#### **FIGURES**

- Appendix headings/titles may be either on a separate title/cover page before the Appendix material or on the top of the first page of each Appendix. Be consistent from Appendix to Appendix.
- The appendix designation (APPENDIX or APPENDIX A, etc.) is required in the Table of Contents.
- Appendix titles are optional in the Table of Contents.
- Appendix subheadings may be listed in the Table of Contents, but only if the titles are listed.

#### **Appendix Figures and Tables**

- These may be numbered consecutively following the text, or they may be numbered with an Appendix designation (A-1, for example).
- If numbered consecutively from the text, they *must* be included in the List of Tables or List of Figures. (This is optional otherwise.)
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  - o Common Audio File Types: .wav, .mp3, .wma, .midi
- Graphic File
  - o Containing: pictures, drawings, graphs, figures, etc....
  - o Common Graphic File Types: .gif, .jpeg, .png, .tiff
- Microsoft Excel File
  - o Containing: raw data, graphs, interactive forms that generates information, etc...
- Microsoft PowerPoint File
  - o Containing: presentations, tables, figures, etc....
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  - Containing: raw data, specially formatted data for use in a specialty program, etc
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#### **Title Page**

#### **Abstract**

Optional Preliminary Pages (Dedication, Acknowledgments, Nomenclature)

**Contributors and Funding Sources** 

**Table of Contents** 

**List of Figures and List of Tables** 

Page 1, Chapter Method

Page 1, Section Method

**Page Showing Subheadings** 

Pages with a Figure and a Table

#### Title Page\* (see sample page following instructions)

#### General Format

- Font must match text of thesis or dissertation
- Point size of title is the same as other major headings; point size for rest of the page is 12pt.
- No bold on this page; exception, title is bold if major headings are bold
- No page number on this page

#### Title of Thesis

- All capital letters, centered. (Exception: genus, species, chemical element symbols should be upper and lower case and in italics as needed to comply with the custom of the discipline)
- Double space if more than one line
- No period at the end of the title

#### Thesis/Dissertation Author Statement

- Double space
- Capitalize A and also the T in Thesis (or the D in Dissertation or the R and S in Record of Study)
- Student's name in all capital letters; name must be the same as in official records of the university

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- Single space
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### THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTIONS

Title is in all capital letters.

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by

#### SARAH ANDERSON SMILEY

Name is in all capital letters.

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#### **Abstract** (See sample on next page)

#### General Format

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- No bold on this page (exception: heading ABSTRACT is bold if major headings are bold)

#### **Text**

- Begins two double spaces below the major heading
- Length of text: Recommend no more than 350 words
- Vertical spacing (double space), paragraph style, and margins are same as used in text
- No numbered references or formal citations in abstract

#### **Content**

- Provides a complete, succinct snapshot of the research, addressing the purpose, methods, results, and conclusions of the research
- Should be able to stand alone, with no formal citations or references to chapters/sections of the work
- Should translate easily into a variety of online databases, avoiding the inclusion of images or complex equations

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#### **ABSTRACT**

The text of the Abstract starts two double spaces below the major heading. The text of the Abstract is double-spaced. Follow the same margin settings as your narrative text, as well as the same right alignment (ragged edge or right justified).

Your Abstract must be a "complete snapshot" of your manuscript. Paragraph one introduces your specific problem and the methods used. The remaining paragraphs present the research and results in detail. Text of the Abstract should not exceed 350 words. Any term (or numeral) with a space on either side is counted as one word.

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#### **Optional Preliminary Pages (See samples on the following page)**

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- Optional page--follows the Abstract
- Does not need the heading DEDICATION at the top of page
- If listing preliminary pages in Table of Contents, include Dedication
- Heading is bold if major headings are bold
- Limited to one page
- Is in same type size (12 pt.) and style as text

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- Is in same type size (12 pt.) and style as text
- Vertical spacing, paragraph style, and margins are same as used in text

#### Nomenclature

- This optional list may be in the following places: before the Table of Contents, as the last preliminary page(s), before the reference section, or as an Appendix
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DEDICATION

To my mother

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#### ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

I would like to thank my committee chair, Dr. Smith, and my committee members, Dr. Jones, Dr. Morton, Dr. Anderson, and Prof. Benner, for their guidance and support throughout the course of this research.

Thanks also to my friends and colleagues and the department faculty and staff for making my time at Texas A&M University a great experience. I also want to extend my gratitude to the National Education Foundation, which provided the survey instrument, and to all the Texas elementary teachers and students who were willing to participate in the study.

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#### NOMENCLATURE

B/CS Bryan/College Station

HSUS Humane Society of the United States

Pressure
Time

TVA Tennessee Valley Authority

TxDOT Texas Department of Transportation

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#### **Mandatory Preliminary Page (See samples on the following pages)**

All theses and dissertations must include a contributors and funding sources section.

In the **contributors section**, recognition will consist of two sections. Part 1 will acknowledge the faculty chair and committee member contributions. Name all members of the thesis or dissertation committee in part 1. Part 2 will acknowledge individual student contributions and/or the contributions of others. Acknowledge any collaboration with others and independent work done in carrying out your thesis or dissertation research in part 2. Please note that part 2 can include acknowledgement of advisors, outside collaborators, or collaborators/advisors also listed as committee members in part 1. *Students are encouraged to discuss this section with their committee chair for guidance in determining appropriate language*.

In the **funding section**, please note all support that was provided by the university, or any other source, to conduct your thesis or dissertation research and compilation. If you completed all work without outside financial support, indicate this here.

On the following page, examples are provided as samples of various language for the two sections.

Please note that you do not include the subheadings in the Contributors and Funding Sources section in the Table of Contents.

Please note that these examples are not intended to be exhaustive, or to be used verbatim in all cases. Please change the text examples to fit your needs, in order to reflect the contributors and funding relationships specific to your document.

#### **Contributors Section**

### **EXAMPLE 1 of Contributors Section (work completed in collaboration with others, but also containing independent contributions)**

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This work was supervised by a thesis (or) dissertation committee consisting of Professor XXXX [advisor – also note if co-advisor] and XXXX of the Department of [Home Department] and Professor(s) XXXX of the Department of [Outside Department].

Part 2, student/collaborator contributions

The data analyzed for Chapter 3 was provided by Professor XXXX. The analyses depicted in Chapter 4 were conducted in part by [name] of the Department of [department name] and were published in (year).

All other work conducted for the thesis (or) dissertation was completed by the student independently.

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All work for the thesis (or) dissertation was completed by the student, in collaboration with [name of collaborator/s] of the Department of [department name]].

### **EXAMPLE 4 of Contributors Section (work completed entirely under advisement of committee member and/or other party(ies))**

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Part 2, student/advisor contributions

All work for the thesis (or) dissertation was completed by the student, under the advisement of [name of advisor/s] of the Department of [department name]].

#### **Funding Sources Section**

#### **EXAMPLE 1 of Funding Sources Section (fellowship/scholarship)**

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This work was made possible in part by [funding source] under Grant Number [insert grant number]

Its contents are solely the responsibility of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official views of the [name of awarding office].

#### **EXAMPLE 3 of Funding Sources Section (no funding)**

There are no outside funding contributions to acknowledge related to the research and compilation of this document.

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#### **Contributors**

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The data analyzed for Chapter X was provided by Professor XXXX. The analyses depicted in Chapter X were conducted in part by Rebecca Jones of the Department of Biostatistics and were published in (year) in an article listed in the Biographical Sketch.

All other work conducted for the thesis (or) dissertation was completed by the student independently.

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### **Table of Contents (See samples on the following pages)**

#### General Format

- No bold on this page (exception, heading "TABLE OF CONTENTS" is bold if major headings are bold)
- No italics on this page (except for Latin terms, titles of works, etc.)
- Put the word "Page" above page number column
- Include "CHAPTER" above chapter number column, or include the word "CHAPTER" with each title
- Need leader dots between listings and page numbers
- Double space above and below all major headings
- Single space all subheadings
- If more than one page, need appropriate headings at the top of page (e.g., add "Page" above page number column)

#### **Content**

- The Table of Contents must contain the major headings and the first level subheadings; subordination of subheadings should be indicated by indention
- Lower levels of subheadings are optional in the Table of Contents
- Major headings are in all capital letters
- Subheadings are in upper and lower case. They may be numbered or not, consistent with use of numbering in the text.
- Preliminary pages do not have to be included in the Table of Contents; however, if included, begin with ABSTRACT and include all preliminary pages
- Check spelling of ACKNOWLEDGMENTS against spelling on ACKNOWLEDGMENTS page
- If using the chapter method, chapter numbers must be Roman (not Arabic)
- If using the section method, sections may be numbered or unnumbered; numbers may be Roman or Arabic
- First major chapter/section title in text contains the word INTRODUCTION
- Last major chapter/section title in text contains the word SUMMARY or CONCLUSION
- Must show a reference section and, if applicable, APPENDIX

#### Consistency

- Check against text for agreement of page numbers, levels and styles of major headings and subheadings and the wording of major headings and subheadings (levels of subheadings are shown by indention)
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### List of Figures and List of Tables (See sample on next page)

#### General Format

- Heading (LIST OF FIGURES or LIST OF TABLES) is bold if major headings are bold
- Include list if two or more figures (or tables) are in main body of text
- Need separate list for tables and separate list for figures; either list may come first
- Need "Page" above page number column
- Need "FIGURE" (or "TABLE") above appropriate column or include the word Figure (or Table) with each title
- Need leader dots from last word of title to page number
- Double space between figure (table) titles, single space title if two or more lines
- If list is more than one page, need appropriate column headings on each page

#### Content

- Each figure (or table) must have a unique title; no two titles may be exactly the same
- Need to include only the first sentence of title (up to the first period) in List
- Parenthetical information may be excluded from the List
- If figures (or tables) in Appendix continue numbering from text, they *must* be included in LIST OF FIGURES (or TABLES); if numbered A-1, A-2, or unnumbered, they need not be included

#### **Consistency**

- Check against text for agreement of page numbers
- Figure/table titles in the LIST OF TABLES (or FIGURES) must agree word for word with the title in the text—up to the first period
- Check consistency of capitalization

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#### CHAPTER I

#### INTRODUCTION AND

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION AND

#### LITERATURE REVIEW

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If the *section title* is longer than one line, use one double space between the lines of the title. If you are using bold for your major headings, then the major heading on this page must be bold. The font size must be the same as the other major headings. Spacing between section title and text needs to be consistent for all sections (double space, or 2 double spaces).

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#### **Page Showing Subheadings**

#### 2. PAGE SHOWING SUBHEADINGS

#### 2.1 Introduction

This page shows samples of three levels of subheadings. *These are examples only. TAMU graduate theses and dissertations do not have a specific "style" for subheadings.* 

#### 2.2 Subheadings in General and First-order Subheadings in

#### **Particular**

Some rules for ALL levels of subheadings are:

- Vertical spacing above and below each subheading needs to be consistent for each level.
- Vertical spacing within a subheading with more than one line needs to be one double space.
- Include the chapter/major section number if numbering or lettering the subheadings, ex. I.1, II.1. or 1.1, 2.1 (first level subheadings) and I.1.1, II.1.1 or 1.1.1, 2.1.1 (second level subheadings)
- Style and format need to match for *each level* (numbering is enough to differentiate the levels—if numbered they can look the same *or* each level can look different).
- Type size and style need to follow text.
- Capitalization needs to be consistent for *each level* of subheading.

First-order subheadings must be included in the Table of Contents.

#### 2.2.1 Second-order subheadings

Second-order subheadings need to differ from first level *unless* they are numbered. If numbered, all levels of subheadings may match for style (but they do not have to). Second levels do not need to be included in the Table of Contents.

#### 2.2.1.1 Third-order subheadings

Third-order subheadings, if numbered, may match the other levels of subheadings. If unnumbered, they need to have a different style. Third levels do not need to be included in the Table of Contents.

#### Pages with a Figure and a Table

#### 3. PAGES WITH A FIGURE AND A TABLE

#### 3.1 Figure Placement and Size

Figures need to be within the set text margins and be large enough to read (1.5 mm or about 7 pt type). You need spacing above and below the figure or table that is more than the spacing of the text. At least a triple (or three single) spaces is needed. Figures do not need to have the same size or style of type in them.

#### 3.2 Figure Titles

The style of the figure titles needs to be consistent for all the figures. This includes bold or not, italics, abbreviations, (Fig. 1 vs Figure 1, for instance), vertical spacing, flush or centered on the page. This does *not* include type size and style, which can vary from figure to figure. See Figure 1 caption for information on figure numbering and spacing.





**Figure 1.** The figures can be numbered consecutively throughout the thesis (1, 2, 3, 4, etc) or numbered by chapter (1-1, 1-2, 2-1, etc.). (A) Each figure should be referred to by that number within the text, within  $1\frac{1}{2}$  pages of the figure. (B) The figures can be put on a separate page from the text, but if they are incorporated into the text, they must be offset by at least a triple space above and below. (C) Figures must fit within the normal page margins. Figure captions are not considered regular text, and so may be a different font size and may be single spaced. Each figure must have a unique caption, and captions, up to the first period, must be included in the List of Figures.



Figure 1 Continued.

#### 3.3 Continued Figures

If a figure or a table continues to the next page, the full figure title goes on the first page, and "Figure 1, Continued" (for instance) goes on the next page. Related images may be grouped into a single figure, and are normally distinguished by labels (e.g., A, B, C). Captions will generally include each part label with an explanation for each (see Figure 1 caption for an example).

#### 3.4 Table Placement and Size and Table Titles

As with figures, tables placed in text need to be separated from the text by at least a triple space.

Table titles can be numbered by chapter or numbered consecutively throughout the thesis. Their titles need to be consistent, as figure titles. If you have a continued table, repeat the column headings.

Table 1 Results from experimental and control runs

Species	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Control 1	Control 2
Cow	+	-	-	+
Brown Horse	-	+	+	-
Gray Cow				
Gray Horse	+	-	-	+
White Horse	-	+	+	-
Tan Cow	+	-	-	+

Table 1 Continued

Species	Experiment 1	Experiment 2	Control 1	Control 2
White Cow	+	+	+	+
Spotted Pig	+	+	+	-
White Pig	+	-	-	-
Brown Pig		-		
Gray Pig		-		
Black Pig				

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