

Department of Psychology

Guidelines for the Preparation of Thesis

The following guidelines are quoted from the *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.) (p. 321-326). For more details about the style and format of thesis writing please refer to the above handbook.

Preliminary pages

- Introductory material for a thesis usually includes a title page, an approval page, an acknowledgement page, a table of contents, a list of tables and figures, and an abstract.

Chapters

- The sections of a thesis (Introduction, Method, Results, and Discussion) should be regarded as chapters; each begins on a new page.
- In APA style, the introduction is not labeled. However, the arrangement of pages or sections in most theses may require that the introduction be labeled because no other heading appears on that page.

Figures, tables and footnotes

- In theses, figures, tables, and footnotes should be incorporated at the appropriate point in text as a convenience to readers.
- Short tables may appear on a page with some text. Each long table and each figure is placed on a separate page immediately after the page on which the table or figure is first mentioned.
- Figure captions are typed below the figure. Footnotes to the text are typed at the bottom of the page on which they are referenced.

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Reference

American Psychological Association (2001). *Publication manual of the American Psychological Association* (5th ed.). Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.