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DISSERTATION OUTLINE

Sequencing the major parts of a Dissertation

Candidates must sequence the preliminary pages in the following order:

A: Preliminaries

- Cover page
- Title page
- Declaration
- Certification
- Copyright
- Acknowledgement
- Dedication (if any)
- Abstract
- Table of contents
- List of tables
- List of figures
- Abbreviations and acronyms

B: Chapters

A dissertation shall contain six (6) or five (5) chapters as follows:

- Chapter I: Introduction
- Chapter II: Literature Review
- Chapter III: Research Methodology
- Chapter IV: Presentation and Interpretation of Findings
- Chapter V: Discussion of Findings
- Chapter VI: Summary, Conclusions, and Recommendations

Students may be allowed to combine chapter IV and V to be as follows:

- Chapter I: Introduction

Chapter II: Literature Review

Chapter III: Research methodology

Chapter IV: Results and Discussion

Chapter V: Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

The Recommendations section should be divided into two parts:

- i) Recommendations for Action
- ii) Recommendation for Further Studies

C: References

- i. All sources cited in the text should be included in the list of references.
- ii. References should be arranged in alphabetical order at the end of the thesis/dissertations, beginning with author's sir name.
- iii. In text citation and referencing style shall follow the American Psychological Association (APA) style. Students and supervisors are required to consult the current edition of the APA manual for citation and referencing.
- iv. The references cited should be current i.e. within 10 years, unless the reference is based on theory, history or for special reasons
- v. For Law and Theology students the Chicago referencing style should be used

