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# Introduction

In the introduction, set up your dissertation’s topic, purpose, and relevance, and tell the reader what to expect in the rest of the text.

**1. Research Background**

*Establish your research topic:*

* Introduce your broad topic in an engaging way.
* Provide relevant background information to contextualize your work.

*Narrow down the focus:*

* Go into more detail about the specific area you’ll be focusing on.
* Define the scope of the research.

*Discuss existing research:*

* Briefly discuss the current state of knowledge on your topic.
* Show your work’s relevance to a broader problem or debate.

**2. Research objectives**

* Describe your concrete objectives in conducting the research.

**3. Research Questions**

* State the questions you set out to answer in your dissertation.

# Literature review/theoretical framework

In the literature review, you survey existing research on your topic, developing a coherent structure and argument that leads to a clear basis or justification for your own approach.

*Survey the literature:*

* Describe how much research has been done into your topic, and what kinds.
* Synthesize key findings from relevant studies.
* Assess the strengths and weaknesses of previous research.
* Highlight any gaps or limitations in existing research.

*Show how your research does one or more of the following:*

* Addresses a gap in the literature.
* Takes a new theoretical or methodological approach to the topic.
* Proposes a solution to an unresolved problem.
* Builds on and strengthens existing knowledge with new data.
* Advances a theoretical debate.

*Present the theoretical framework:*

* Discuss the theory that informs your research.
* Define key terms and explain relevant concepts.
* Present any relevant models that help interpret your findings.

# Methodology

The methodology chapter describes exactly how you collected and analyzed your data, allowing your reader to assess the validity of your findings.

*Introduce your overall approach:*

* Is your research qualitative or quantitative (or a combination of both)?
* What type of research design did you use (e.g. longitudinal, experimental, case study, ethnography…)?
* The specific terms you use to describe your approach should follow the conventions of your field.

*Give the details:*

* Where, when, and with whom the research took place (including your sampling methods if relevant).
* Your methods of collecting data (e.g. interviews, surveys, archives).
* Your methods of analyzing data (e.g. statistical analysis, discourse analysis).
* Tools and materials you used (e.g. computer programs, lab equipment).

*Evaluate your methods:*

* Discuss any noteworthy obstacles you faced in conducting the research and how you overcame them.
* Assess whether your approach was effective overall.
* If you used novel or unconventional methods, justify why this was the best approach to answering your research question.

# Reference list

The reference list (sometimes called a bibliography) lists full information on all of the sources cited in your dissertation.

Notes

* The format and exact information included vary according to the citation style used APA 7