

PAPER STRUCTURE

1. Introduction

This chapter should include the following:

- the **context** for your research;
- the **rationale** for your study (why are you interested in this topic, why is this topic worth investigating);
- the **overall aim** (or **hypothesis**) of your research, as well as the **individual objectives** (or **research questions**);
- the **outline structure** (it highlights the main sub-sections contained in each of your chapters).

2. Literature review

- It should provide a **theoretical framework** for your study.
- It should demonstrate familiarity with research in your area.
- The literature review is not simply a summary of all you have read. Rather, it must develop an **argument** or a point of view that **supports** your chosen methodology and research questions.

3. Research methodology

3.1 Data (/Data collection)

- Explain how you have **selected** your data (specify sources, criteria for selection, etc.).
- **Describe** your data.

3.2 Analysis (/Data analysis)

- Specify the **method(s)** you have used.
- Show how you have **applied** your method and the theoretical concepts discussed in the *Literature review* to your data

4. Conclusion

- Give a **summary** of your **findings**.
- Discuss the **significance** of your findings (To what extent and in what way are your findings useful or conclusive? To what extent have you reached your objectives? What does your analysis say about the theoretical tools you have used and/or about your data? Are there any practical implications of your results?)