



## Thesis Guidelines for DN Students

The thesis in the DN program will be written using a traditional dissertation format as a coherent document that provides a complete and systematic account of the thesis project. It is a single report, divided into chapters. The thesis will meet the following School of Graduate Studies (SGS) criteria:

- “Demonstrate how your research makes an original contribution by advancing knowledge in your field
- Show a thorough familiarity with the field and an ability to critically analyze the relevant literature
- Display a mastery of research methods and their application
- Offer a complete and systematic account of your scholarly work
- Present the results and analysis of your original research
- Document your sources and support your claims
- Locate your work within the broader field or discipline
- Write in a style that respects the norms of academic and scholarly communication”

<https://www.sgs.utoronto.ca/current-students/program-completion/producing-your-thesis/doctoral-thesis-guidelines/student-guidelines-for-the-doctoral-thesis/>

### Thesis Elements

A thesis is likely to contain most of the elements listed below, although the supervisor and/or supervisory committee may require the inclusion or omission of sections as appropriate to the nature of the thesis project.

- Introduction including Project Questions/Purpose
- Literature Review
- Theoretical Models/Frameworks
- Design and Methods
- Findings
- Discussion and Limitations
- Implications for Practice, Education, Research and Policy
- Knowledge Translation and Dissemination Plans
- Conclusions
- Appendices

### Formatting Guidelines:

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