

Science Template Guide (Numbered chapters, subheadings, and references)

Front Matter

Title page

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1. The acknowledgments are optional. *Note:* An acknowledgments section is not permitted in individual chapters. Instead, you may incorporate those acknowledgments into a single acknowledgments section in the front matter.
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Table of Contents

1. Arrange the listing of main headings in the order shown on p. 9 of the online *Thesis & Dissertation Handbook* (formatting guidelines).
2. The Graduate School does not require subheadings in the Table of Contents. But if you wish to list them, include only the a-level subheadings.
3. Place all the main heading numbers and titles against the left margin, with runover lines indented and single spaced.
4. Indent all subheading numbers and titles, with an additional indent for runover lines.
5. To create the leader dots between titles and pages numbers in Word, go to the Home tab and click the small expansion arrow in the bottom right corner of the Paragraph group. In the lower left corner of the Paragraph dialogue box, click on “Tabs.” In the Tabs dialogue box, set *Tab stop position* at 6.5; set *Alignment* at Right; set *Leader* on 2; click *Set* and

then *OK*. In your table of contents, place the cursor after the chapter or section title and click your keyboard's Tab button to see the leaders appear, and type in the page number at the end of the leaders.

6. The only double spaces in the table of contents go *above* each main heading in the list, including appendix titles, front matter headings, and back matter headings.

Lists of Tables and Figures

1. These lists are optional.
2. Number your tables and figures, using the chapter number followed by the sequence number, e.g., 1.1, 1.2, 1.3. Begin with sequence number 1 in each chapter.
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2. The abstract is the final page in the front matter as well as the final page numbered with lowercase roman numerals.
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Body of Text

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3. The introductory chapter or Chapter 1 begins with Arabic page number 1 and continues with sequential Arabic numbers to the end.

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1. Table titles always go above the table; figure captions always go below; otherwise, they are formatted identically, all on one line, no boldfacing or italics, and separated from surrounding text by a double space.
2. See the formatting guidelines for the correct way to continue tables and figures to another page.
3. Figure sources and acknowledgments always appear at the end of the caption, after the period. Table sources and notes appear below the table.
4. All tables and figures must be kept within the one-inch margins of the page. Landscape them or divide them into separate tables and figures if they do not fit.
5. Never number tables and figures with a, b, c (e.g., Figure 1.2a). Each must have its own number and title, although figure captions should include the a, b, c part designations for that figure.

Citations/Notes

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Vita

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