

## Outline Thesis

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Content	Description	Timeline
<b>Introduction</b>	<p>The introduction should consist of some important points as follows:</p> <p><b>(1) Background of the study</b> This section explains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The broader context of the topic</li> <li>● Current issues, debates, or gaps in knowledge</li> <li>● Why the topic is important academically and practically</li> <li>● Relevant statistics, trends, or policies</li> <li>● Brief review of key theories (not full literature review yet)</li> </ul> <p>It should answer: <u>Why is this topic important and worth studying?</u></p> <p><b>(2) Problem Identification</b> Here you clearly state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What specific problem exists</li> <li>● What is not yet known</li> <li>● What contradiction, gap, or limitation in previous research you are addressing</li> </ul> <p><u>It should be analytical, not descriptive.</u></p> <p>You may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Research gap</li> <li>● Inconsistency in findings</li> <li>● Practical problem in real settings</li> <li>● Theoretical limitation</li> </ul> <p><b>(3) Research Questions</b> These are derived directly from the problem statement. Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is the relationship between X and Y?</li> <li>● How do participants experience...?</li> <li>● Does X predict Y?</li> </ul> <p><b>For master's level:</b> <i>2–4 focused research questions are ideal</i> <i>Avoid overly broad questions</i></p>	<p>..... (example: February-March 2026)</p>

	<p><b>(4) Research Objectives</b> These are parallel to research questions. Example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To examine the relationship between...</li> <li>• To explore the experiences of...</li> <li>• To analyze the influence of...</li> </ul>	
<b>Method</b>	<p><b>IF YOUR STUDY IS QUANTITATIVE:</b></p> <p><b>(1) Research Design</b> Explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Type of research (correlational, experimental, causal-comparative, survey, etc.)</li> <li>• Cross-sectional or longitudinal</li> <li>• Why this design is appropriate</li> </ul> <p>Example: This study employs a cross-sectional correlational design to examine the relationship between...</p> <p><b>(2) Population and Sample</b> Include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Target population</li> <li>• Sampling technique (random, stratified, purposive, etc.)</li> <li>• Sample size</li> <li>• Justification of sample size (power analysis if possible)</li> </ul> <p>Explain: Why this sampling method fits your study.</p> <p><b>(3) Variables and Operational Definitions</b> Clearly describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent variable(s)</li> <li>• Dependent variable(s)</li> <li>• Control variables (if any)</li> </ul> <p>For each variable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational definition</li> <li>• Instrument used</li> </ul> <p><b>(4) Data Analysis Technique</b> Explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Software (SPSS, AMOS, SmartPLS, R, etc.)</li> <li>• Statistical tests (regression, SEM, t-test, ANOVA)</li> <li>• Explain why those tests are appropriate.</li> </ul> <p>----- --</p> <p><b>IF YOUR STUDY IS QUALITATIVE:</b></p>	<p>..... (example: February-March 2026)</p>

	<p><b>(1) Research Design</b> Specify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Phenomenology</li><li>● Narrative</li><li>● Case study</li><li>● Grounded theory</li><li>● Ethnography</li></ul> <p>Justify why that approach fits your research question.</p> <p><b>(2) Research Setting and Participants</b> Explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Who are participants</li><li>● Selection criteria</li><li>● Sampling method (purposive, snowball)</li><li>● Number of participants</li><li>● Rationale for sample size (data saturation)</li></ul> <p><b>(3) Data Collection Method</b> Describe:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Interview type (semi-structured, in-depth)</li><li>● Observation</li><li>● Document analysis</li><li>● Recording method</li><li>● Interview guide development</li></ul> <p><b>(4) Data Analysis</b> Explain:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Coding process</li><li>● Thematic analysis steps</li><li>● Software (NVivo, Atlas.ti) if used</li><li>● How themes were generated</li></ul>	
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