

## **Guidelines for format of Thesis submission**

**1) Submission for Evaluation (Initial Submission)** 6 (six) soft bound (spiral) copies of the *Thesis* have to be submitted within 6 months from the date of submission of the synopsis, the Research Scholar will submit a soft copy of the thesis in PDF on CD/DVD to the Controller of Examination, Gujarat Technological University through Supervisor or, in the case of Independent Research Scholar, through the Doctoral Progress Committee.

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- Copy to the Institute where the candidate has performed research work.

Along with the hard copies, two CD/DVDs shall be submitted at the time of Public Viva Voce Examination:

- 1) one CD/ DVD including Metadata Sheet & Splitted Thesis as mentioned in the attached file.
- 2) one CD/ DVD including Full Thesis & Synopsis

### **3) Presentation Sequence**

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**Cover and Title Pages:**

The general format of a sample title/cover page has been given at the end of this document. In general, the cover/title page shall contain the following details:

- Full thesis title in (18 points) size font properly centered and positioned at the top portion.
- Full name of the Research Scholar in 16 point font size properly centered at the middle of the page. In case of title page and cover page, this shall be followed by the name(s) of the supervisor(s) in a separate line. In case if there is an appointed Co-Supervisor/ Joint-Supervisor then his/her name may be published. It may be noted that only one name of either the Co-Supervisor/ Joint Supervisor can be published on the Cover & Title Page.
- A 30 mm diameter GTU emblem followed by the full name of the University and the year of submission, each in a separate line properly centered with 18 point font size and located at the bottom of the page shall be placed.
- The cover shall have printing on its side the name of the Research Scholar, thesis title and year of submission in this order. If required, short name, thesis title etc. and reduced font size may be used for this purpose.
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(Annexure – I)

On the back side of the title page the copy right statement (Annexure-II) should be placed at the center of the page.

**Declaration:** Signed declaration sheet as given at Annexure – III is required to be included in the thesis.

**Certificate(s):** As per Annexure – IV, V

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**Thesis Approval Form:** As per Annexure – VII

**Abstract:** The abstract should be a concise description of the problem(s) addressed, method of solving, findings, and conclusions all in one place. As such, it shall highlight the important features of the thesis. It should be able to help the readers to quickly ascertain the purpose of the thesis. An abstract is a self-contained, short, and powerful statement that describes the entire work. It must be self-contained without any references. As per Annexure – VIII.

**Acknowledgement and / or Dedication (Optional):** This part(s) of the thesis has no specific format. If the Research Scholar desires to acknowledge his / her thesis, he / she may include the same. As per Annexure - IX

**Table of Contents:** This section of the thesis shall list all materials that follow it. It shall enlist titles of the chapters, sections, and subsections including reference and appendices (if any) using decimal notations (as in text), with corresponding page numbers against them flushed to the right. As per Annexure – X.

**List of abbreviations (Optional):** If a large number of abbreviations are used in the thesis, which may be unfamiliar to a reader, a list of abbreviations may be useful. As per Annexure – XI

**List of Symbols, Figures & Tables, etc.:** Symbols, Figures & Table etc. shall be listed separately. List of symbols typically shall contain two columns – symbol and brief description / definition. Similarly, the list of Figures / Tables shall also contain two columns – Figure / Table no. and its caption. As per Annexure – XII, XIII, XIV

**List of Appendices:** Appendices may include the formulas, diagrams, protocols or any similar data that are not contained in the thesis body. The number can be given as A-1, A-2.... and listed as such in the list of Appendices. As per Annexure – XV

**List of References:** As per Annexure – XVII (it is XII)

**List of Publications:** As per Annexure – XIX

**Thesis Body:** Organization of Thesis Body: The thesis shall be organized in a number of chapters, starting with a general introduction leading to your work followed by literature review and ending with a general discussion and conclusion of your work. A thesis must be an integrated whole of the

research work and each of the other chapter should be presented in a coherent and logical way. As such each of the other chapters shall have precise title reflecting content best. A chapter can be subdivided into sections, sub-sections, etc and so on as to present the content discretely with due emphasis. As per Annexure – XVI. The content/body of the final hard bound/ soft bound (spiral) copies of the thesis can be printed on both the side of pages with Page size, Margins, Text Font, Text Size, and Line Spacing as mentioned in the Thesis Format Section of the Guideline.

### **Layout of Chapter:**

**Introduction:** Title of the first chapter shall be the Introduction. It shall start with a brief history of the reported work. It shall justify the pros and cons of the present problems posed, and set the aim and scope of his/her work which shall mitigate the present problems. It may end up with highlights of the significant contributions of the present work.

**Literature Review:** Second chapter shall be on Review of the Literature. However, its title can vary from author to author without losing its true spirit. It shall present a review of the state of the work till date which naturally leads to the present topic of investigation. While there is no end to present such a review, the extent and emphasis should be limited to the extent which is relevant to the nature of investigation only.

**Report on the Present Research:** The work, conclusion and contributions from the research are presented in this portion of the thesis in a number of chapters. The exact structure in these chapters will depend on the nature of research (theoretical or experimental) carried out. However, the following general guidelines shall be followed:

- When reporting theoretical work that is not original, you will usually need to include sufficient material to allow the reader to understand the arguments used and their physical bases. But do not reproduce pages of text that the reader can find in a standard text book; only refer such works and concentrate on the physical arguments leading to your theory. Furthermore, do not include any theory that you are not going to relate to the work you have done.
- Clearly describe the experimental (if any) setup, procedure/technique adopted, methodologies developed and adopted.

**Results and Discussions:** Whether the work is experimental or theoretical, this is a vital part of the thesis. Depending upon the nature of investigations, a separate chapter (last but one) with title “Results and Discussions” may be presented for summarizing your results and highlighting their implications. Typically, a thesis on the findings on a single but broader aspect of a composite problem shall contain this chapter. For distributed findings, however, this can be presented as the subsections of the relevant chapters towards the end.

**Conclusions, Major Contributions and Scope of Further Work:** This will be the last chapter of the thesis. A brief summary of the entire work carried out shall form the first paragraph. Conclusions derived from the presented work and its results shall be clearly specified. Conclusion should relate only to your own work. Any generalized, known outcomes should not be mentioned.

Your thesis must highlight the practical implications of your work to the society, in the form of major contributions. Finally all possible future avenues to continue where you have stopped may be mentioned under future work.

**Reference Citation:** All cited literature must appear in the list of references and numbered sequentially as they are referred in the text of the thesis in standard format of referencing (Annexure – XVII). All particular works consulted but not specifically cited should be listed as Bibliography which shall appear after the References. Cited materials shall be listed chapter-wise and at the end of the concerned chapter. A citation repeated in more than one chapter shall be given same number.

**Publications & Patents by the Candidate:** Articles, Patents (filed / granted), technical notes, book chapters etc. published by the candidate from his/her research work may be separately listed with same format used for listing the references at the end of the thesis. Such publications shall, however, not be cited in the thesis.

**Thesis Format:**

**Paper Specification**

**Quality:** Thesis shall be printed on executive white bond papers only.

## **Paper Size and Margins**

- The paper shall be standard A4 size.
- Top and bottom margins should be 25 mm, right margin should be 20 mm, and the left margin should be 35 mm for both textual and non-textual (figures, tables, etc.) pages. The header footer should be 10 mm each.
- Minimum space below a sub-section head (title) at the bottom of the page should have at least 2 full lines; otherwise it should begin on the next page.

## **Text Font, Text Size, and Line Spacing**

**Font:** Throughout the thesis, only the standard Times New Roman fonts shall be used.

**Initial Submission:** The general text of the manuscript shall be 1.5 lines spacing with a font size of 12 points. However, tables, quotations, footnotes, captions, and referencing materials shall be single spacing with 10 point text size.

**Final Submission:** The general text of the manuscript shall be in 1.5 line spacing with font size same as in the initial submission.

**Pagination:** Beginning with the first page of chapter 1 (Introduction) of the thesis, all pages shall be numbered consecutively using Arabic numerals in 12 point fonts. Page numbers of all the pages where a chapter begins shall appear at the center of the footer. Page numbers of all the pages, starting from the title page to the page before the chapter 1 starting page, shall be lower case Roman numerals (e.g. i, ii, iii etc.), placed at the center of footer. However, the page number on the title page shall not be printed.

**Header Format:** The header shall contain the chapter title on the even numbered pages and section title on the odd numbered pages. The section title shall start from the following relevant page where it appeared first.

**Paragraph Format:** The paragraph of each section and subsection shall start without any indentation. A vertical space of around 12 points should be left between the section title line and the first paragraph of each section and subsections. All the paragraphs in the thesis shall be in single column format with full justification. A paragraph should normally comprise more than one line. A single line paragraph shall not be placed at the top or bottom of a page.

**Chapter(s):** A chapter always begins on a fresh page. The capitalized word “CHAPTER” with a font size of 20 should begin with an additional top margin of 30 mm (total 50 mm) followed by chapter no. with center aligned. Next, place the chapter heading with 20 font size and leaving around 18 points vertical spaces and center justified. Leave around 36 points vertical space after chapter heading. In the chapter heading, capitalize the first letter all the words. Use boldface letters and numbers only.

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**Tables, figures, and Equations:**

- All tables and figures should be printed on the same papers used to print the text.
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- All tables, figures, and equations must be numbered sequentially and chapter-wise using Arabic numerals. It must reflect the chapter number also, e.g. 2.1, 6.25 etc. Use boldface capital letters and numbers (separated by a single space) to number a figure and table, e.g., **FIGURE 2.1, TABLE 3.2.** While a caption (figure number) should be placed below the figure, a caption (table number) should be placed above the table. A figure/table should be separated from its number by 1.5 lines. Equations shall form a separate line, having 6 points paragraph separation above and below, with equation numbers within parenthesis and flushed to the right.

- When a figure or table is referred to in the body of the text, the first letter of the word needs to be capitalized with appropriate abbreviations as, for instance, Table 2.17 and Fig. 3.24.
- When an equation is referred to in the text and appears as the first word of the sentence, it needs to be capitalized without any abbreviation as, for instance, Equation (2.5). In all other cases of referring an equation, simply write the equation number in parenthesis as, for example, (2.5).
- All figures and tables shall be appropriately captioned using sentence style format and immediately below the corresponding numbers with an additional space of 6 points in between. If more than one line is needed for the caption they should be separated with single line spacing. A caption needs to be justified with the table/figure borders.
- Font sizes of legends, axis labels etc. of figures should be sufficiently large so that even after compression of the figure, they are legible enough (having same sizes as in the general text).
- Short (less than around half of the writable page area) figures and tables should be presented immediately following their first mention in the text and preferably on the upper portion (before the text) of the following page or bottom portion of the same page, but separated by single lines spacing from the text. If they are placed in between then they should be separated by single lines spacing from both above and below. On the other hand, large figures and tables should be presented on page(s) following their first mention in the text.
- Images, Photographs, etc. must be scanned in resolution at least 600 dpi

**Binding:** The examination copies of the thesis may be soft (spiral) or paperback cover (soft cover) bound. A paperback cover means a thick laminated covers (front and back). However, the finally corrected and accepted copies of thesis need to be submitted in hard bound only with the black colour.

Two separate additional white sheets shall be put at the beginning and end of the thesis (after and before the front and back cover pages, respectively).

**Concluding Remarks:** This guide lists only the salient requirements for preparing the thesis. Over and above, a thesis should be reader-friendly in its presentation. Several aspects need a more elaborations, which are not included here. Wherever confusion arises, Research Scholars should follow appropriate guidelines from a standard literature from his/her research area. However, a uniform style and format must be followed throughout the entire thesis.



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- Any further modifications in research work recommended by the panel after 3 months from the date of first viva-voce upon request of the Supervisor or request of Independent Research Scholar after which viva-voce can be re-conducted by the same panel again.

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