

# MASTER THESIS STRUCTURE

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## 1st PAGES

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## ABSTRACT

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS (optional)

## INDEX

Index of the sections of the work always indicating the numbering of the work and including the sections that make it up (with their different subsections):

- INTRODUCTION
- X CHAPTERS
- CONCLUSIONS
- LISTS OF FIGURES / TABLES / IMAGES (they can be different sections or all together, depending on the contents)

- BIBLIOGRAPHY

## **INTRODUCTION**

All works must start with an introduction, where the hypothesis of the research is exposed as a main question to be answered with the work. The introduction should also include this information:

Research question

Objectives

Justification of interest

Theoretical framework

Methodology

It is useful to relate the main question and subquestions to the goals(objectives), the chapters, and the methods used to develop each one of them. Drawing a scheme/diagram explaining these relationships can help organize the structure of the research as well as the writing of the document.

## **CHAPTERS**

The number of chapters will depend on each work, but it can be interesting to develop a chapter for each one of the subquestions or secondary objectives of the research.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

All works must finish with the conclusions, where the hypothesis of the research is answered after the work has been exposed. Conclusions can also include further research topics that could be developed to complete or continue the research field.

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## **ANNEXES** (optional)

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