



Guide to writing your master's thesis

IMAS - 2023-2024

➤ Presentation Standards

1° The required format for text and illustrations is A4 (210 x 297 mm).

2° The manuscript must be paginated on all pages starting from the table of contents. Page numbering should appear at the bottom right of the page.

3° Lines should be spaced 1.5 mm apart.

4° The left margin should be 3 cm. Right, top and bottom margins must be 2.5 cm.

5° Font size must be Times (New Roman), 12 points.

6° Text must be justified on the left and right margins.

7° It is important to respect the 25-page limit (excluding references and appendices). However, the number of pages for each section is given as a guide and may vary depending on the subject.

8° You may add appendices to support your master's thesis (unlimited number, but useful appendices directly related to methodological aspects or secondary results are preferable). On the other hand, just like supplements to a scientific article, these appendices should not be essential to the overall understanding of the thesis.

➤ Cover page :



Title of the project :.....

Student's Last Name, First Name

Supervisor: Last Name, First Name

Host structure

Faculty of Sciences, Technologies and Health

Master's thesis, Sciences and Technologies of Agriculture, Food and Health

Course: IMAS

Academic year:

➤ **Table of contents:**

A table of contents covering the various sections and subsections is expected. It will be introduced following the non-plagiarism pledge (see below) and before the first section.

➤ **Plagiarism:**

It is imperative that a non-plagiarism pledge signed by the candidate be inserted after the cover page of the dissertation. This commitment, Appendix 5 of the Exam Charter, can be downloaded from the address below:

<http://www.univ-tln.fr/Charte-des-examens.html>

➤ **Structuring the dissertation:**

The dissertation should include the following sections:

- I- Presentation of the host structure (laboratory/company) (1 page max)
 - ✓ In addition to a brief presentation of the structure (themes, etc.), the main aim of this part is to show how the project fits in with the research laboratory's themes or the company R&D issues.

- II- Introduction (8 pages max)
 - ✓ Provide essential background information on the general topic of your research.
 - ✓ Identify key theories, concepts, and previous findings that inform your research.
 - ✓ Highlight any debates, controversies, or areas of consensus in the literature.
 - ✓ Highlight any gaps or limitations in existing research that your study aims to address.
 - ✓ Explain the context of your study and why it is relevant or important.
 - ✓ Clearly state the objectives of your research or the hypotheses you aim to test.
 - ✓ The purpose is to demonstrate the author's understanding of existing knowledge, justify the need for the current study, and show how it contributes to or advances the existing body of research.

III- Methodology (7 pages max, depending on illustrations)

- ✓ Provide an overview of the research design and methods you used. Clearly present the protocol and the methods and tools used to measure the study's primary/secondary variables,
- ✓ Justify your choice of methodology and explain how it aligns with your research objectives.
- ✓ Present statistical analysis methods (including: types of statistical tests and justification, significance level, etc.)
- ✓ Address any ethical considerations relevant to your research.

IV- Results (7 pages max, depending on the number of tables/figures)

- ✓ A presentation of the results obtained is expected. These should be presented in a structured way (with different subsections for each variable, for example). The use of tables and/or figures is recommended. In this case, care should be taken to avoid redundancy between the results given in the text and in the illustrations. Illustrations should add real value to the overall understanding of the study results.

V- Discussion (8 pages max)

- ✓ An interpretation of the results obtained is expected, together with a comparison of these with the existing literature. Care should be taken to avoid a purely descriptive discussion that merely restates the results, describe potential mechanisms explaining your main results.
- ✓ Explain why your research is important or valuable, discuss potential contributions to the field
- ✓ Address potential limitations and future perspectives.

VI- Conclusion (1 page max)

- ✓ Summarize key findings, reaffirm the study's contributions.

VII- References.

- ✓ You must follow the APA style for citations and references (Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 7th edition, APA, 2020).

- ✓ It is important to check that every reference cited in the text is listed in the bibliographic references at the end of the report.
- ✓ We strongly recommend the use of bibliographic management software (e.g. Zotéro, free and easy to use).
- ✓ There is no limit to the number of references.