



## EDITING CHECKLIST

This form must be signed by student and advisor, and attached to ANY copy of the thesis/ dissertation submitted to the SAU editor. **Note that** this checklist is a summary, and must not be used as a "Style Manual" for formatting purposes.

### ORGANIZATION OF THESIS/DISSERTATION

#### *Pagination*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Every page after the abstract is counted (though on some pages the number does not show).
- \_\_\_\_\_ All page numbers are in the same position, centered .75" from the bottom of the page.

#### *Preliminary Pages* (lower case roman numeral page numbers)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 0. A blank page begins and ends the research (for binding)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Abstract, approximately 350 words
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Title Page (page i, but no number shows)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Copyright page (optional)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Approval page (with original signatures in black ink)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Dedication Page (optional—if you use it, keep it short)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Table of Contents (page numbering shows beginning here)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. List of Tables (only used if you have 5 or more tables)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. List of Figures (only used if you have 5 or more figures)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. List of Abbreviations/Symbols (only if 5 or more, and if they are used at least 3 times)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Acknowledgements (optional)

#### *Body of Thesis/Dissertation* (begins on page 1)

- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. Body of Thesis/Dissertation (divided into chapters)

#### *References*

- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. Appendix(es) with titles for each appendix
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. References (APA)/Bibliography (Turabian)
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. Curriculum Vita (fits on one page) (page numbers not shown)

### SPACING

- \_\_\_\_\_ Titles of preliminary pages and first pages of chapters begin at 2.00".
- \_\_\_\_\_ Abstract title page, title page, and dedication are centered vertically on the page.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Text is double spaced, beginning of paragraphs indented .5", no extra space between paragraphs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Single spacing is appropriately used for tables, long quotes (Turabian), and reference list.
- \_\_\_\_\_ One blank line after chapter number, two blank lines between chapter title and text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two blank lines before and one blank line after subheadings within the text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Three blank lines before and after tables/figures inserted within the text.

### TABLES/FIGURES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables do not contain vertical lines and have few horizontal lines.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables/figures follow the initial reference in text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables/figures are identified in the text by a number (e.g., Table 1; **not** Table 2.1, etc.).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables/figures are numbered consecutively throughout the document.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Table numbers and titles are typed **above** the table, figure numbers and captions, **below**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Decimal points are vertically aligned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Table number and column headings are repeated if table is continued onto another page.
- \_\_\_\_\_ If a table/figure is taken from another source, the complete source is cited below the table.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Tables are consistently formatted, easy to read, and look nice on the page.

## HEADINGS and SUBHEADINGS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Headings and subheadings are properly chosen and formatted.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No heading has only a single subheading under it.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Capitalization of headings follows SAU style.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spacing above and below headings is correct.
- \_\_\_\_\_ No heading appears without at least two lines of text below it at the bottom of a page.

## FOOTNOTES

(Mainly for Turabian, but occasional explanatory notes may appear in APA).

- \_\_\_\_\_ If footnotes are used, they begin on the page where the citation is made.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Footnote is indented the same as the paragraph; the next line reaches the left margin.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Individual footnotes are single spaced with double space between footnotes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Footnotes are continuously numbered throughout each chapter.

## REFERENCES/BIBLIOGRAPHY

- \_\_\_\_\_ All direct quotes have page or paragraph numbers included in the reference.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All entries are alphabetized and in correct format (either Turabian or APA).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Web references have been tested to assure that the links work.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All in-text entries are in the reference list, and (APA) all reference list entries are cited in text.

## SPECIFIC APA RULES

- \_\_\_\_\_ When citing two or more authors, within the text the word *and* is spelled out, but inside parentheses in in-text citations and in the reference list, an ampersand (&) is used.
- \_\_\_\_\_ For in-text citations, multiple authors in the same parentheses are in alphabetical order, not chronological order (Alexander, 1999; Messman-Moore & Resnick, 2007; Veazey, 2003).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Numbers below 10 are written in words unless in a table or in the abstract (check exceptions).

## SPECIFIC TURABIAN RULES

- \_\_\_\_\_ Round numbers or numbers below 20 are written out if not part of a descriptive research report.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The symbol % appears only in tables.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Use abbreviations for books of the Bible.

## MISCELLANEOUS FORMAT ITEMS

- \_\_\_\_\_ Thesis/dissertation body text is left aligned.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There is no numbering on any subheadings (e.g., Data Analysis, **not** 1.2.1 Data Analysis).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dots in ellipsis marks are spaced (. . .).
- \_\_\_\_\_ In a numbered list, the numbers are indented one tab position; succeeding lines align under the first letter of the text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ There are no widows or orphans--a paragraph has two lines at the bottom or top of a page.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Page numbers in the Table of Contents, List of Tables and Figures correspond with actual text.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Dashes are formed by two hyphens—they have no space before or after them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ All statistical expressions in text and tables are italicized (e.g., *F*, *N*, *SD*, *M*, *n*, *p.*, etc.).
- \_\_\_\_\_ There is one space **before** and **after** mathematical signs (=, <, >).

**I have personally checked the manuscript for all of the above items.**

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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