

Thesis structure and ingredients

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This kind of academic text consists of:

- Chapters / luvut – nämä *eivät* ole kappaleita!
- Sections / kohdat tai alaluvut
- Subsections / alakohdat
- Paragraphs / kappaleet
- Figures / kuvat tai kuviot, tables etc.

Like this:

1. Chapter

1.1 Section

1.1.1 Subsection

1.1.2 Another subsection

The general structure is as follows (non-obligatory parts in parentheses):

- (Cover / kansi)
- Title page / kansilehti, with the name of the thesis, your name, program, year and so on
- Abstract / tiivistelmä, “thesis in miniature”, see Into for a template
 - Finns need both English and Finnish (or Swedish) abstracts
- (Foreword or acknowledgements / esipuhe tai kiitokset)
- Table of contents / sisällysluettelo
- (List of figures / kuvaluettelo)
- Main body
- List of references / lähdeluettelo, use one consistently, you are free to choose
- (Appendix / liitteet, can be a DVD or memory stick too)

There is no specific rules as to what the main body consists of, but typically it’s something like this:

- Introduction / johdanto
 - Motivation, research question(s) / tutkimuskysymys tai tutkimusongelma, framing, structure
- Theoretical and methodological context, related work
- Your own contribution
 - Design, technical implementation, performance, deployment
- Reflection / reflektio, results, use the theories here (well, use them *everywhere*)
- Conclusion / yhteenveto
 - What did I learn, critical reflection, what’s next