

MSc Thesis Essay Format

1. The thesis essay will be printed in English on A4 paper.
2. Line spacing: 1.5.
3. Print on both sides of the paper.
4. Do not exceed 60 pages (not including annexes of extended tables and raw data).
5. Submit the essay to your thesis advisor for examination. Your advisor must approve the essay or return it to you for further corrections within one month of the submission date.
6. Upon receiving the advisor's approval, submit three copies (4 copies if you have 2 advisors) of the thesis to the head of the academic department.
7. The order of the content will be as follows:
 - **Page 1:** Cover page
 - **Upper section** – thesis topic;
 - **Middle section** – "Thesis is submitted to the Robert H. Smith Faculty of Agriculture, Food and Environment for the MSc in [*name of academic program*]"
 - **Lower section** – Student name
 - **Bottom** – Submission date.
 - **Page 2:** Same as cover page.
 - **Page 3:** "This thesis was written under the supervision of [*Advisor's title; advisor's name; name of institution where advisor is employed*]."
 - **Page 4:** Acknowledgments page
 - **Table of Contents**
 - **List of Abbreviations**
 - **Introduction:** Scientific background, research motivation, research objectives and tested hypotheses.
 - **Materials and Methods:** Describe methods and materials that were used in the thesis research; provide information of material sources (name of company, city, country); specify the methods used and give elaborate explanations written as text and not as lists. The information should be presented under sub-sections according to thesis hypotheses, objectives or experiments.
 - **Results:** Describe the tendencies in the obtained results while referring to figures (graphs, images, diagrams etc.) and tables that will include detailed titles (above the table and under the illustration). Information should appear under same sub-sections as appear in Materials and Methods. Do not include raw data in this section. The axis titles must be accurate. Number the illustrations and tables (1,2,3...) according to the order of reference in the text.
 - **Discussion:** May be divided into sub-sections.
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