

Checklist of Common Errors

(Compare to your manuscript draft)

1. Table of Contents.
 ☐ ALL subheadings are included, and they appear verbatim inside the document's text. ☐ Follow the selected citation style closely regarding margins and the different levels of headings.
2. Text.
 No BOLD type is used except for headings, or when required as part of a formula. No "1-liners" (also known as widows or orphans) appear at the top of pages. No sub-heading is left hanging by itself at the end of a page.
3. Tables, Figures, & Other Illustrations.
☐ All terms "Table" or "Figure" are consistently in either all capital letters or upper & lowercase. ☐ Tables that are continued on subsequent pages must include table column headings at the top of each page.
Tables/figures that are continued on subsequent pages must include the title and (continued) at the top of each page. For example:
Table X (Continued)
4. References.
 ☐ Materials actually used are your REFERENCES. Background material goes in a BIBLIOGRAPHY ☐ You have followed your chosen citation style exactly. ☐ There are no "split" citations from one page to the next. ☐ You replace all underlined materials with italics.
5. Appendices.
☐ If you only have one appendix, it is still labeled "Appendix 1 (or I)" or "Appendix A". ☐ Subsequent pages of multi-paged appendices are titled: Appendix A (Continued). ☐ Appendix documents meet margin requirements. ☐ Use a 1-inch margin at top of page for each new appendix. ☐ Appendix pages with tables or figures have table or figure titles as well as appendix headings.
6. Images.
☐ Images/charts are clear and legible. The reader should be able to read/see it clearly.
7. Signature Page.
 ☐ Make sure to watch auto-capitalization. Word always tries to capitalize 'by' and 'of' when they come at the beginning of a new line. ☐ Don't forget the period after D. in Advisor Name, Ph.D., Committee Chair.
8. Pagination.
☐ Pagination begins on the Table of Contents page and follows your chosen citation style.