



CONVENTIONS FORMATS AND LAYOUT RULES FOR A DISSERTATION OR THESIS STANDARDS

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Presentation Outline

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Introduction

• There are **formatting conventions** and rules that are found quite often for academic documents such as a dissertation or thesis.

For the font of a dissertation or thesis; there are certain layout rules and conventions to follow regarding the font you will use when writing a dissertation or thesis.

The font of a dissertation or thesis

- The text must be in: Times New Roman ;
- Size: 12 for the **body** and 14 for **titles**;
- Space-line (interligne): 1,5.
- Optionally, you can use **Arial** (size 11) or **Calibri** (size 12) font.

The layout of the text of a thesis or dissertation

- The text must be **justified** (perfectly aligned left and right).
- Remember that a paragraph begins with an indent / indent (between 0.5 and 1 cm).
- **Footnotes** are smaller than the body text. For example, for a text in Times 12, the footnotes will be in Times New Roman of size 10.
- It is imperative to keep the same font throughout the dissertation or thesis, including for the titles.

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The chapter

> It is customary to start each major part or chapter on a new page. This allows the reader to better locate himself. > The format of the document pages You must also respect the size of the margins for the layout of the document. Left margin: 2.54 cm. Right margin: 2.54 cm. Top margin: 2.5 cm. Bottom margin: 2.54 cm.



Page numbering with Word(1/2)

- The pages must be numbered and the page number must be entered in the summary
- It is important to number your pages correctly in a brief. For example, if the cover page is your first page (if you don't have a cover page), it has no number, but the next page is numbered "2".
- Some guidelines also require that the pages before the introduction be numbered in Roman numerals (II, III, ...).

Page numbering with Word (2/2)

- ➤The page following the cover page will therefore be "II", then from the introduction begins in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3)..
- How to insert page numbers with Word? To integrate page numbers into your document, go to the Insert tab, then Page number. Insert tab> Page number> Choose a format.
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How to change the Word pagination of your document?(1/3)

>To integrate page numbers from the second page or from a specific page, such as the Introduction, the path is fairly straightforward.

Option 1 - Do not put a page number on the cover page

- if you want the pagination to start on the second page (no number 1 on the cover page):
- Position your cursor on the number of your page. Then in Creation, check Different first page. Cursor on the page number> Creation tab> Check Different first page



How to change the Word pagination of your document?(2/3)

- Option 2: Start pagination from a specific page (for example the introduction)
- If you want the pagination to start at a certain page, just do a simple manipulation.
- On the page preceding the one where your pagination should start, insert a Section break by going to the Layout tab, then Page breaks and choose Next page.
- Then double click on your footer (or top of page, next to where you want the page number to appear),
- in the Design panel make sure the page is not linked to the previous one by unchecking Link to the previous one.





How to change the Word pagination of your document?(3/3)

- **Option 3** Number in Roman numerals before the introduction If you want the numbering that begins before the introduction to be in Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV,...), then in Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3) starting from the introduction, you just need to :
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Using tables

- If you need to present information in rows and columns, a table is the obvious choice.
- Even if you only need a few rows, tables are easier to use than tabs, and less likely to go wrong.
- If you have created a basic table from the Insert tab, you can use the Table Tools Design tab to change the formatting.



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The layout of the cover page

Click on insert cover page and select the type of cover page you want





Editing images

- Word includes a range of image editing tools on the Picture Tools Format tab.
- You can adjust colours, apply styles and effects, and even remove backgrounds.



What's your plagiarism rate?

- **Plagiarism** is the rate of copying the information from other resourses.
- In 10 minutes you can find out if you have plagiarized and how to eliminate it.
- Turnitin technology
- A summary of all sources found
- A comparison with a huge database



Conclusion



- Your thesis layout is very important to to make a first impression and for the examinator or the reader, so follow the proposed guide and to apply for your thesis or internship report.
- We seek for giving you the tips to prepare a motivation letter for universities in next lessons.



