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Guidelines on Format of the Master's Thesis

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A. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to state the formal requirements which must be met by NYU Tandon School of Engineering students who are required to submit a Master's Thesis to qualify for the M.S. degree, as described in the [NYU Tandon School of Engineering bulletin](#) for a particular academic program.

A thesis is basically composed of two parts: the preliminaries and the body. Details regarding the format and content of each of these sections are described in the contents of this document.

B. THE STANDARD FORMAT

The thesis is to be prepared on the standard **8½" x 11" letter size format**.

Margins settings should be no less than the following:

Left margin (binding edge):	1½"
Right margin (Outer edge):	1"
Top margin (except for page number):	1"
Bottom margin:	1"

The document, with margins as specified above, can either be **one-and-a-half (1-½) or double spaced**, using **12 point Arial or Times Roman style font**. Footnotes and short quotes may be single-spaced with a double space, every 5 lines as an eye guide.

Drawings, graphs, and other illustrations should be of the same size as the dissertation paper pages and numbered consecutively with the pages of the Body.

Mathematical or chemical equations must be typed (**not hand written**). Drawings/Illustrations and diagrams should conform to good drafting practice.

Photographs may be used where desirable.

C. THE PRELIMINARIES

The M.S. thesis must contain the following standardized preliminaries in the order of listing.

1. Cover Page: Standard format for the cover page is shown in [Figure 1](#). The date appearing on the cover page should be the month and year of the expected degree award date and **not the completion date of the work** (e.g., January 20XX for those completing in the fall semester, May 20XX for those completing in the Spring semester, or September 20XX for those completing in the Summer semester). This page represents the cover of your document.
2. Title Page: Similar to the cover page above except that it includes the signatures of the thesis advisor and the department Chair to be placed on the lower right-hand side. On the lower left-hand section of the title page you should also include your University ID and NetID numbers (underlined). You are required to submit one electronic copy of your dissertation with the digital signature of the thesis advisor and department Chair. Standard format for the title page is shown in [Figure 2](#).
3. A copyright Page (optional): Refer to [Copyright Section](#) in case copyright is applied for. Typically copyrighting of thesis is not recommended. However, you should always consult with your thesis advisor before making a final decision. You may also refer to [ProQuest's web site](#) for more information.
4. Guidance Committee Signature Page (optional): The Guidance Committee page is only required if you have formed a guidance committee, otherwise it is not included in the document. Refer to [Figure 3](#). **If included, this is the very first page to be numbered**; this page is numbered as page "ii". Note that the preliminaries are numbered with small Roman Numerals (e.g., i, ii, iii, etc.).
5. A Microfilm/Publishing Page: Refer to [Figure 4](#).

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the Degree of**

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[Figure 1: Standard Format of Cover Page for M.S. Thesis](#)

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Approved:

Advisor Signature

Date

Department Chair Signature

Date

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[Figure 2: Standard Format of Title Page for M.S. Thesis](#)

Approved by the Guidance Committee:

Major: Chemical Engineering

Advisor's Name* Professional Rank [†] School affiliation
Date
Advisor's Name Professional Rank School affiliation
Date
Advisor's Name Professional Rank School affiliation
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Date
Advisor's Name Professional Rank School affiliation
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Figure 3: Guidance Committee Signature Page

[†] Examples: Professor, NYU Abu Dhabi
Associate Professor, NYU Tandon School of Engineering

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[Figure 4: Microfilm/Publishing Page](#)

6. Vita Page: Give date and place of birth and a brief educational and professional history. Clearly state period of time devoted to the research or project, the laboratories in which it was performed, and the source of any special support (research contract, research grant, fellowship, assistantship, traineeship, etc.). A vita page is **not the same thing as a resume**.
7. Acknowledgment Page: (optional). You may include a brief acknowledgment to those that provided support. This section is optional and is limited to one page in length.
8. Dedication Page: (optional). You may include a brief dedication of your work. This section is optional and is limited to one page in length.
9. Abstract: State the purpose and significance of the investigation being reported and major conclusions. The special caption/header for the abstract is shown in [Figure 5](#).
10. Table of Contents: List the page number upon which each major division of the dissertation begins. Subdivisions may also be included. Appendices should all be listed by title, along with page number on which each begins.
11. List of Figures. List the title and page number of each figure and graph/illustration. This section may be included as part of the Table of Contents. The List of Figures may be omitted if the total number of figures and graphs does not exceed ten.
12. List of Tables. List the title and page number of each table. This section may be included as part of the Table of Contents. The List of Tables may be omitted if the total number of tables does not exceed ten.

The preliminaries section page numbers are numbered with small Roman Numerals (e.g., i, ii, iii, etc.). **Note that the cover nor title pages are not numbered. THE GUIDANCE COMMITTEE SIGNATURE PAGE IS THE FIRST PAGE TO BE NUMBERED, NOT WITH “i” BUT WITH “ii”.**

Refer to [Figure 6](#) for the standard sequence of sections for the Ph.D. Dissertation.

ABSTRACT

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by

Jane Doe

Advisor: Prof. John S. Smith, Ph.D., P.E.

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A survey of the literature shows that transportation has played a pivotal role in the United States as a form of

[Figure 5: Standard Format of Abstract Header](#)

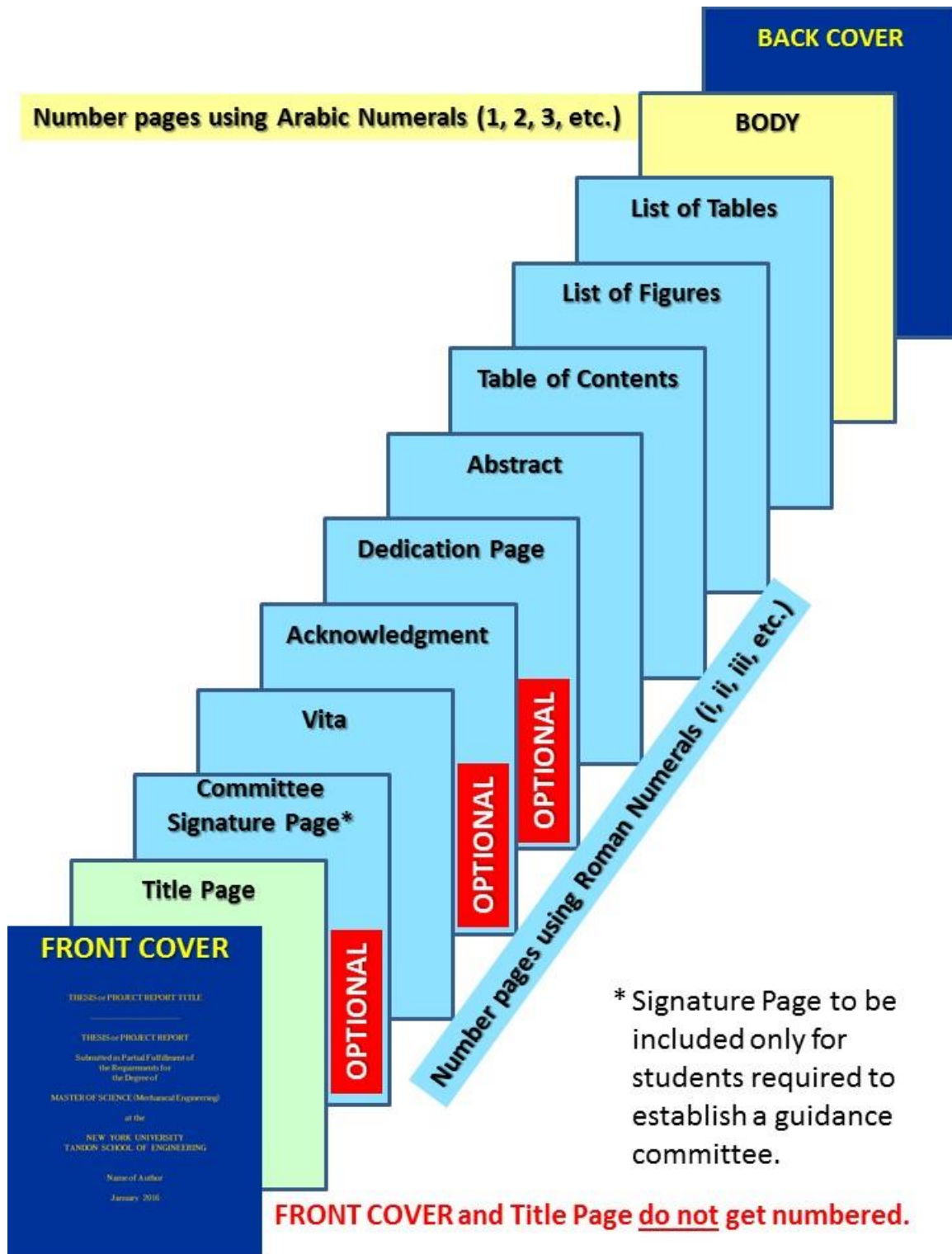


Figure 6: Standard Sequence of Sections for the M.S. Thesis

13. Style: There are no general faculty rules regarding the outline to be followed in the composition of the manuscript, the style of exposition, and the extent to which tables of data, graphs, and other illustrations are used. The major academic department is the responsible judge of the adequacy of the manuscript as an account of the research performed. Please consult with your dissertation adviser.
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16. Index: (optional). An index may be included if desired.
17. Numbering of Pages: The pages of the BODY are numbered at the top outer edge of the text, but at least one-half inch below the top of the page, except on pages having a display heading where the numbers may be at the bottom center. Each page, including pages in any appendices, is numbered with Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc.). If it is inconvenient to insert a number on a page (for example, on a page with a photograph) then the page is counted anyway as if the number had been written on it. Division Title pages are also numbered with Arabic number.

D. NUMBER OF COPIES REQUIRED

One (1) electronic copy of the final version of the thesis must be submitted. The copy must include the thesis advisor and department Chair signatures as well as the Guidance Committee signatures (if one was established).

In addition, the student is to upload the final signed thesis to [Proquest](#) and emailed to the Graduate Academics office (Prof. Jose Ulerio – julerio@nyu.edu).

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The University urges publication of all Master's theses in a recognized technical or scientific journal. Specific requirements may be imposed by individual departments. The title of the printed article must be footnoted with the "submitted" phrase used in the dissertation as follows:

*"Taken from the thesis submitted to the Faculty of the New York University Tandon School of Engineering in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree **Item A**, **Item B**."*

Item A (type in full description of degree)
e.g. ***Master of Science (Degree Title)***

Item B (type in degree award date)
e.g. ***January or May or June 20XX***

The publication requirement is fulfilled by the electronic submission to Proquest, but publication in print as described above is also urged. The publication should represent the substance of the thesis to an extent satisfactory to the department involved. Occasionally more than one (1) article is warranted.

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