

The sections of your thesis will vary based on your topic, methodology, research questions, etc. However, the following are sections that are standard in most social science theses.

I. Introduction

- Introduce your topic. Why is it interesting? How did you arrive at this topic?
- State your research questions
- State your central findings in your thesis statement.

II. Literature review

- What is the relevant literature to your topic?
- How have other scholars answered your research questions?
- Why is your work contributing new and/or important ideas to this literature?
- Based on your review of the existing literature, what do you expect to find? These are your hypotheses.

III. Methodology

- How will you answer your questions?
- Depending on your method, this section will take different forms.
- This section should be very detailed, especially in your first draft. It's better to include too much explanation of how you've conducted your original research, and then cut it later.

IV. Findings

- What did your research reveal?

V. Discussion of your research findings

- How do your findings compare with your expectations?
- How do your findings answer your research questions?

VI. Conclusions

- What contributions does this research make to the research in Anthropology?
- Based on your findings, what future research do you think would shed more light on your research questions?

VII. Bibliography

- You must include a bibliography whether you use footnotes or endnotes in your text.
- All of your formatting, including your bibliography, must be based on a manual of style. (MLA, etc).

VIII. Appendices

- You should include as much as possible, your raw data, copies of any surveys or questionnaires that you distributed, etc, in an appendix.