

# Research Paper Outline and Format

It is impossible to write a such a task without creating drafts and outlines. That is why you need to pay careful attention to the research paper outline, as it will greatly simplify your future work and make the process of creating an assignment much simpler. The outline may greatly differ depending on your professor's requirements, so you should first obtain all the guidelines. However, there are a few common rules and a regular structure of a research paper has the following pattern: introduction (thesis statement), body with arguments and conclusions.

If you want your paper to contain all the necessary information, have a clear structure and grab attention of the audience, you will need to follow a clear structure and provide all the necessary details to make sure your paper will be taken seriously. A proper structure consists of such elements, as:

- Title and authors. Use keywords and mark the main aspects of your topic;
- Abstract and table of contents. Help the reader

understand the main goals of your research and provide him with relevant information on the structure of your work;

- Introduction;
- Methodology, which was used throughout your research;
- Results/discussion;
- Conclusions. Make sure you have marked the key points and goals to convey your ideas to the audience;
- References;
- Appendices with charts and images to back your information.

Although a research paper is probably the most typical academic assignment students need to complete at different steps of their education, most still have problems with choosing proper [research paper topics](#).

Research paper is quite a challenging task to complete but following a clear and proper structure will help you avoid all possible mistakes and will teach you how to gather and analyze information in a simple and fast way.