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Abstract

This manual was created to help UAF graduate students properly format their thesis or dissertation for submission to the Graduate School. Outlined in the following pages are guidelines for both the monograph and manuscript formats and examples to help the reader understand what is needed to have a properly formatted paper. We have found that students who use the Thesis Formatting Handbook, and attend the accompanying workshops provided by the Graduate School, are better prepared and have fewer formatting errors than students who do not. If there are any questions regarding the information provided by this book, please contact the Graduate School directly for clarification.

No citations are allowed in the Abstract.

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1.1 Who Writes a Thesis or Dissertation

A dissertation is required of every candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is expected to include work that represents the equivalent of at least one full-time academic year at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The doctoral dissertation must demonstrate the ability to perform independent research and must be a substantial contribution to the body of knowledge in the student’s area of interest, the substance of which is publishable in a professional journal or as a book.

A thesis is required in some Master’s degree programs, as indicated under specific degree-program requirements. Other programs require no thesis. In those instances, a project is prepared rather than a thesis. The UAF Faculty Senate and the Graduate School have imposed no requirements on the format of a project report in the non-thesis option; the format is controlled at the department level. You must obtain specific project format requirements from your department.

The dissertation and thesis are referred to hereafter as “thesis.” The adjectives Ph.D. and Master’s (i.e., MS/MA/MFA) are used as needed.

1.2 Respecting Copyright

You, as the author, and any co-authors of included papers are fully responsible for the use of copyrighted materials in the thesis. Written permission must be obtained for the inclusion of any copyrighted material within the thesis. For information on copyright law and permissions, see http://fairuse.stanford.edu. Note that copyright applies to nearly all published materials and to most information, illustrations, and photos available through the Internet, whether or not there is an explicit statement of copyright. The only common exception is that material on some U.S. government agency websites is not copyrighted. However, the source of such non-copyrighted materials must be acknowledged in the manner used for other references.

1.3 Determining Format Style

Before beginning to write the thesis, you are strongly advised to consult with members of your graduate advisory committee to determine the style manual or professional journals that are accepted guides in your specific discipline and to become familiar with the requirements. In those situations where a specific style manual conflicts with UAF requirements described in Chapter 4 (monograph style) of this Thesis Format Handbook, UAF requirements take precedence, unless written approval for an exception is secured in advance from the Graduate School.

Your thesis must be formatted in either the traditional (monograph) style according to the guidelines in Chapters 3 and 4, or in the style(s) of journal(s) to which chapters of the thesis have been or will be submitted according to the guidelines in Chapters 3 and 5. You are cautioned to adhere strictly to the instructions given here for preparation of your
thesis, including such matters as type style, font size, line spacing, page arrangement, minimum margins, pagination, neatness, and spelling. For matters not discussed in this Thesis Format Handbook, refer to the approved style manual of your field or to style manuals and informative writing guides such as those listed in the Appendix.

You are advised to use this Thesis Format Handbook as your primary guide in establishing the format of your thesis. You are strongly urged NOT to use prior theses as your definitive guides because formatting requirements have changed and because not all older theses followed the required format.

1.4 Spelling, Punctuation, and Neatness

Your thesis is to be treated as a book, not a manuscript requiring further editing. Because the thesis is viewed as a finished product that represents one indicator of your overall ability, it must be correct in spelling and punctuation, neat in form, and consistent in all matters. Smudges, visible corrections, and "white out," as examples, are unacceptable. “Consistent in all matters” includes (but is not limited to)

- Use of the same font throughout your text
- Use of consistent fonts, styles, and capitalization on headings and subheadings throughout
- Use of consistent formats for text references and reference lists, throughout (for the monograph format) or within chapters (for the manuscript format)

1.5 Submission Deadlines

The exact dates for the three possible submission deadlines in a year are posted on the web at http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/calendar/dates-and-deadlines/. The method for determining those deadline dates in future years is specified herein in Thesis Submission Instructions (Chapter 2).

An outside examiner, who is assigned by the Graduate School, is a member of the Ph.D. examination committee and must receive a copy of the thesis seven (7) calendar days in advance of the examination. There is no university-wide policy for pre-defense thesis deadlines, only individual department policies. Therefore, you must consult with your program or department chair for thesis review deadlines leading to the thesis defense. Some directors and department chairs require that they be allowed to review a final draft of the thesis prior to the thesis defense. As a guideline, the defendable draft should be presented to the student's advisor at least 2-4 weeks before the defense.

There are very specific university requirements leading to the post-defense submission deadline. By the published deadline for thesis submission to the Graduate School, you must have: (1) passed the Thesis Defense; (2) filed the Report on Thesis/Dissertation Defense form with the Graduate School; and (3) submitted to the Graduate School the thesis in post-defense form (must follow the electronic Thesis and
Dissertation [ETD] guidelines), along with accompanying material (as summarized in Chapter 2). Committee members, the department chair, and school or college dean should be consulted to ensure that they are available to review your thesis and sign the thesis Signature Page in time for you to meet the Graduate School submission deadline.

Submitting your final thesis or dissertation results in its publication; once you submit it, it is no longer an educational record and the University may choose to share it with others or publish it.

Request for an Extension to Thesis Deadline

Your major advisor must use the Request for Extension Form and send it to Dr. John Eichelberger, Dean of the Graduate School, through his or her Department Chair and Dean, requesting the extension on your behalf and outlining the circumstances behind the necessity of the request. Request for can be found at www.uaf.edu/gradsch/forms-Extension.pdf. **Requests directly from students are not accepted.**

Requests for extension must be made no later than:

- Spring: March 31
- Summer: July 24
- No extensions are granted during the Fall semester

Your Department Chair and Dean must sign the memo showing that they have acknowledged this request for an extension and they will be available to review your thesis/dissertation in a timely manner so that you can meet the extension deadline.

No extensions will be granted for any time after: April 21st for Spring, August 7th for Summer as this does not leave enough time for the Graduate School staff to review your thesis/dissertation, time for you to make any necessary corrections, and clear you to graduate by the deadline imposed by the Registrar’s Office.

If an extension is granted and you do not make the deadline, you will be required to register (and pay) for one graduate credit the semester you do submit your thesis/dissertation to the Graduate School.

Extensions are made on a first come/first served basis and not all extensions will be approved.

1.6 Approval Process

Once the thesis has been successfully defended and the post-defense copy prepared, you must circulate the thesis for approval at all appropriate levels. All members of the graduate advisory committee sign first. Your thesis then must be approved and signed by
the department chair and the dean of your school/college before it is submitted to the Graduate School. A committee member can be traveling during the critical days after the defense and through the submission date. In that instance, the committee member must indicate approval of the thesis by submitting to the Graduate School by fax/email a signed copy of the Signature Page. Although this will satisfy the submission deadline requirement, the Graduate School will not accept the thesis formally for the purpose of graduation until that committee member’s official signature is affixed to the Signature Page. The thesis cannot be forwarded for publishing/binding until all original signatures are affixed to the Signature Page.

When the thesis is in final form and has been approved, as described previously, the student must complete the Electronic Thesis or Dissertation (ETD) Submittal Process. Students must log into http://www.etdadmin.com/UAF and create an account before uploading their document. After a format review by the Graduate School, you may be asked to make corrections before final approval is granted. Common problems that can arise include typographical errors, punctuation, and inconsistencies of style. After corrections have been made a final copy will need to be submitted electronically through the same website for printing purposes. Payment for printing and binding is part of the ETD process. You no longer need to order a copy for the Rasmuson Library (archive copy). Any printed copies will be your choice and can be ordered from UMI/ProQuest at this time, or you can send them to another business for printing/binding. Payment for UMI/ProQuest copies is via credit card.

1.7 Thesis Grade

The grades given for all thesis (699) credits during your graduate program are deferred (DF). All thesis (699) credits grades [DF] will be changed to pass [P] after the Graduate School has sent final the clearance for graduation to the Graduation Office.

1.8 Number of Copies

The Rasmuson Library no longer needs an archived copy of your thesis. All bound thesis copies are made only AFTER the Graduate School has completed the format check and returned the thesis as per the Approval Process (Section 1.6). Administrative units, sponsoring organizations, and members of the graduate advisory committee may require additional copies, so you are advised to consult with your graduate advisory committee to determine the total number of copies required. Any additional copies required for department libraries or committee members are the responsibility of the student and can be requested from ProQuest or can be ordered at another date and with a different vendor of your choice.
1.9 Method of Duplication

Students no longer print their own theses copies; rather, printed copies are requested electronically when the final thesis is submitted through the ETD process.

1.10 Other Fees

All students must include an additional $95.00 payment if they select the Open Access Publishing option.

You must pay binding and all other fees when submitting your thesis for printing/binding through http://www.etdadmin.com/UAF. You will not be able to complete the submission process until your payment is processed.

1.11 Copyrighting Thesis

You retain the exclusive right to reproduce, display, adapt, publish, or perform all or any part of your work, provided you are not otherwise precluded from doing so by other contractual agreements.

The university has no overall policy to restrict publication. You should be aware, however, that individual programs or sponsoring organizations might have such a policy. Because publication may be defined as "public distribution of copies or reproductions," if you desire to withhold your work from the public domain you must register the copyrights to your work. Before applying for a copyright, however, you should ascertain any restrictions imposed by funding sources. Be aware that Title 17 of the Federal copyright law provides additional protection for written materials.

You may apply formally for copyright registration directly to the U.S. Copyright Office, http://www.copyright.gov, or you can authorize ProQuest to apply for a copyright registration in your name. This requires paying an additional fee during the ETD submission process. You also must pay the fee for archiving. If copyright registration is intended, the following notice must appear as the last line of the title page of the thesis:

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1.12 Microfilming/Digitizing

The University of Alaska Fairbanks participates in the ETD submission process with ProQuest, which requires that the University of Alaska Fairbanks send a copy of each thesis to ProQuest for microfilming/digitizing. Publication of your thesis by ProQuest does not preclude subsequent publication of the thesis in whole or in part by the author. Specific requirements for the format of the abstract can be seen in section 1.13.

There is no fee for these services if you choose the Traditional Publishing option. You may want instead the Open Access Publishing option. Open Access has an additional $95.00 fee that will be paid when submitting a thesis through the ETD process.

1.13 Abstract

You are urged to take great care in the preparation of the abstract because this summary of your work may be the most read part of the thesis. No citations are allowed in the abstract. A copy of the abstract will be kept on file at the Graduate School.

There is no limit to the length of the abstract, but we recommend that for ease of online discovery you limit the length of your abstract to no more than 350 words or two pages.

Avoid using abbreviations or acronyms in the abstract. If they are used, they must be defined on the first occurrence unless they appear in standard dictionaries or unless the abbreviation/acronym is much more commonly used than the written out form.

1.14 Delayed Publication (Embargo)

At your request and on the recommendation of the advisory committee, the Dean of the Graduate School may agree to delay publication of your work for up to two (2) years to protect intellectual or other rights. A request for such a delay must be done by completing and printing the embargo request that is part of the UAF Publishing Agreement. This is found as one of the steps for the ETD submission. You will be given the option of a complete embargo, or have access restricted to those within the UAF community only. Note that this might delay the printing and binding of copies you request from UMI/ProQuest.
Chapter 2   Thesis Submission Instructions

2.1 Graduate School Thesis Submission Deadlines

Fall Graduation       December 3  
Spring Graduation     April 7    
Summer Graduation    August 1

If the deadline falls on a Saturday or Sunday, then the deadline becomes the following Monday. For example, if the deadline is December 3 and that falls on a Saturday, then the actual deadline will be Monday, December 5. The deadlines are posted at http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/calendar/dates-and-deadlines/.

Please check with your department and school or college for their own deadlines.

2.2 Payment of Thesis Binding and Other Fees

Payment for printing and binding is part of the ETD process. Any copies will be your choice and can be ordered from UMI/ProQuest at this time, or you can send them to another business for printing/binding. Payment for UMI/ProQuest copies is made via credit card.

Make sure you print, sign and give us a copy of the UAF Publishing Agreement Form (and embargo request if applicable).

2.3 Delivery of Required Items to the Graduate School

The Graduate School MUST receive the following items at the SAME time and by the posted deadline:

- Digital copy of your thesis (submitted to ProQuest as a searchable PDF –NOT PDF/A).
- All additional materials (as Supplemental Files).
- A copy of the confirmation page of the Graduate School’s online exit survey http://www.uaf.edu/gradsch/current/ready-to-graduate/exit-survey/
- A signed paper copy of the UAF Publishing Agreement (printed from the ETD website).

2.4 Additional Items Required from Ph.D. Candidates

Ph.D. candidates must also submit the following items:

- A 50-word version of your abstract (for the commencement program). Email is preferred.
Email your abstract to gradschool@uaf.edu and include the following information: Your name, degree and program (i.e. Jane Doe, Ph.D. Marine Biology), advisor’s full name, and your thesis title.

- Survey of Earned Doctorates Form (SED) (link on the Graduate School website).
- A high-resolution photo of yourself submitted for promotional use.

2.5 Printing of Final Copies

Any thesis copies, such as copies that your department, school, or college requires and how many copies you would like for personal use are your responsibility. You may order them at the same time during the ETD submittal process or you may opt to have them printed and bound elsewhere. Payment to UMI/ProQuest is via credit card and necessary to complete the submission process.
Chapter 3 General Requirements for Thesis Format

3.1 Introduction
The material in Chapter 3 is common to format information in Chapters 4 and 5, which follow, and its requirements have precedence over any journal-based or other format selections made in Chapters 4 or 5.

3.2 Margins
All margins should be 1” on all sides. You must conform to these margins throughout the thesis for text, figures, tables, and appendices. Insufficient or uneven margins seriously affect the readability and appearance of the thesis. Margins may be made greater than the minimum but must be consistent throughout the thesis.

Figure 1: Margins
3.3 Page Numbering

No page numbers appear on the Signature Page or the Title Page, although both pages are included in the counting and in the Table of Contents. A blank page should be inserted after the signature page (which will become the back of the signature page) and after the title page (which will become the back of the title page). Lower-case Roman numerals are used to number preliminary pages from the Abstract (page v) onward. Arabic numerals are then used beginning with the first page of the text (page 1). Pages must be numbered consecutively throughout the thesis. Page numbers must be centered at the bottom of each page, ½” from the bottom, with text beginning at 1”. This includes pages with a landscape format (e.g. figures and tables). Page numbers remain in these positions and retain the original orientation even though a page might be in landscape format. See the Appendix for an example of a landscape page. Blank pages in the body of the thesis should not display a page number, but are counted in the total (except for facing-page caption- see section 4.16 or 5.16).

3.4 Division of Text into Chapters or Major Sections

When dividing your thesis into chapters or major sections, each must start on a new right-hand (odd-numbered) page. This includes preliminary sections (Signature Page, Title Page, Abstract, etc.). Sections and sub-sections (of any level) within chapters do not need to start on new pages. You may need to insert a blank page prior to the start of a new section or chapter to insure that the new section or chapter begins on the right side.

3.5 Paper

Paper requirements were listed here before, but now that all copies are submitted digitally for printing, no paper selection is necessary.

3.6 Printing

The thesis must be formatted to print on both sides of the paper, and every major section must begin on an odd-numbered (right-hand) page.

3.7 Decision on Format Style

As first discussed in Guidelines for Preparation of the Thesis (Chapter 1), you must make a basic decision that will govern the text format. The thesis must be formatted in the traditional (monograph) style according to the guidelines herein and in Chapter 4, or in the style or styles of journal(s) to which the entire thesis or chapters of the thesis will be submitted for publication (Chapter 5). This decision determines which of the next two parts of this Thesis Format Handbook you will follow. You cannot mix-and-match between the requirements of Chapters 4 and 5.
4.1 Introduction

The monograph format is familiar as the traditional or monographic thesis style and is used by those who wish or need to prepare their thesis as a piece of work unified by a single format and other characteristics. This includes stories, plays, poetry, etc., that are not published in the standard journal format of the technical disciplines. This format does not preclude chapters or sections having been submitted for publication or already published, but the choice is made here to reformat materials to meet the requirements of monograph format. If you are intending to insert papers into your thesis as a chapter or chapters that will be submitted for publication, have been submitted for publication, or have already been published, and you wish to maintain the format of the submitted manuscript, then you are to skip this chapter and move on to Chapter 5. There is significant duplication in Chapters 4 and 5, but this division of material allows you to focus only on the requirements of the format you have chosen. For this monographic thesis format, the material in Chapters 2, 3, and 4 provides all necessary format information.

4.2 Authorship

A thesis prepared in partial fulfillment of graduate degree requirements must be a student’s own work, with co-authorship of work appearing within the thesis identified in references within the thesis. The University recognizes that graduate research typically involves close working relationships with others, particularly the major advisor. In such instances, you must be the primary contributor and senior author for the writing of all materials included in the body of the thesis. A thesis based on the support of others must include appropriate acknowledgment of that support. A thesis written partly in collaboration with others must include a statement in the general Introduction or Acknowledgements to the thesis clearly stating who contributed to the research and the writing and the nature and degree of such contributions. If others have contributed sufficiently to the research and writing so that they are or would be co-authors on any manuscripts submitted for publication, "we" must be used within the thesis. In such instances, "we" must be explicitly defined as in a footnote where first used or in the Acknowledgements. Proper reference to the paper submitted or published must be provided in a footnote on the first page of each applicable chapter.

4.3 Research Approval

If your research requires IACUC, IRB, IBC, etc. approval then you must include proof of the approval in your thesis/dissertation, usually as a copy of the approval letter attached as an appendix.

4.4 Line Spacing, Font Size

The thesis must be one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced consistently throughout. If one-and-one-half-spaced is selected, then double-spaced cannot be used anywhere except the title in the title and signature pages. Any simple, non-script font may be used, and this same typeface must be used throughout the thesis. The font size must be
10-12 consistently throughout. Any exceptions to the requirements of this section are discussed where appropriate.

4.5 Arrangement of Pages

The monograph style thesis must have general introduction and conclusion sections. These are titled Introduction and Conclusion(s), respectively, except where other titles are deemed appropriate, as for example in an MFA thesis comprising a novel. The numerous elements of thesis must be presented in the sequence listed below. Additional information about content and form for each of these elements is included on the following pages. The sequence is:

Preliminary Pages
- Signature Page
- Title Page
- Abstract (not required for MFA but may be used when deemed appropriate)
- Dedication Page *
- Table of Contents
- List of Figures
- List of Tables
- List of Other Materials List
- of Appendices
- Preface or Acknowledgments

Main body of the thesis (including Introduction, thesis text, Conclusions)
- Figures**
- Tables**
- References, Literature Cited
- Appendix or Appendices***

*The Dedication Page may come after the Abstract or the List of Appendices or after the Preface/Acknowledgments.
**Figures and tables must be embedded in the text.
***Placement of the references and appendices may be reversed.

4.6 Fly Pages

Fly pages are now automatically inserted by ProQuest, so including fly pages is unnecessary. If you plan on having the personal copies of your theses bound elsewhere you should ask if fly pages are included in the binding process.

4.7 Signature Page

The Signature Page is lower case Roman numeral one (i) of the thesis, but a page number does not appear on that page. The title of the thesis and name of the student appear at the top of the page, as illustrated on page i of this handbook. An appropriate number of lines must be provided so that there is a signature line only for the exact
number of signatures required for approval. Each line must have the individual’s name below it. The use of titles and/or middle initials is left to each student, but the use must be consistent, i.e. use them for everyone, or no one. Original signatures are required for the thesis paper copy of the thesis. The original Signature Page that you submit will have all signatures except that of the Dean of the Graduate School, which will be added after the page is submitted to the Graduate School. If a committee member is away when his or her signature is needed, refer to the section on the Approval Process (Section 1.6) in Guidelines for Preparation of the Thesis (Chapter 1).

The Signature Page must have the typed names of all signers. If middle initials or salutations (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) are to be listed they must be listed for all signers.

Example 1 (with middle initials):

David K. Smith
Sarah L. Thomas
Robert M. Wall
Advisory Committee Chair
Emily N. Dymo
Chair, Department of Formatting

*Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.*

Example 2 (with salutations):

Mr. David Smith
Dr. Sarah Thomas
Dr. Robert Wall
Advisory Committee Chair
Dr. Emily Dymo
Chair, Department of Formatting

*Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.*

Example 3 (with degrees):

David Smith, MFA
Sarah Thomas, PhD
Robert Wall, PhD
Advisory Committee Chair
Emily Dymo, PhD
Chair, Department of Formatting

*Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.*
Those who sign the Signature Page bear the following responsibilities:

- Advisor: approval of thesis content, English usage and readability, and thesis format
- Committee members: agreement with and support of advisor's assessment of the thesis
- Department chair: thesis meets department requirements, agreement with committee's assessment of the thesis
- College/School Dean: thesis meets college/school requirements, agreement with department's assessment of the thesis
- Graduate Dean: thesis conforms to university format requirements, abstract is readable to a non-specialist, thesis is acceptable to UAF

4.8 Title Page

Care must be taken in selecting a title that is concise and yet contains enough information to indicate the scope of the work. Avoid using acronyms or abbreviations in titles, unless they are commonly understood, e.g., USA, DNA. It is also acceptable to use an acronym or abbreviation if it is much more widely recognized than the written-out version, e.g., the MODIS sensor.

The Title Page is page iii of the thesis, but a page number does not appear on that page. A sample title page in the required format is illustrated on page iv of this handbook. Note that the "Name of Degree" is not the particular area of emphasis, but the name of the general degree; i.e., Master of Science, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, etc. Also note that the date of the degree must be the month and year the degree will be awarded, with no comma between them; e.g., May 2014. UAF degrees are awarded only in May, August, and December of each year, so one of these three will be the month listed on the thesis.

The location will always be Fairbanks, Alaska even if you have spent your entire academic career in Anchorage or Juneau or some other location. Your degree is from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

4.9 Abstract

The Abstract is page v of the thesis, and this is the first page on which a page number appears. The Abstract is the most frequently read portion of a technical thesis, and, as such, it must be a concise statement of the nature and content of the thesis. No citations are allowed in the Abstract. The abstract must be written so as to convey the following information:

1. The problem addressed or objective of the study and why the work was undertaken;
2. What was done generally, not specifically;
3. What the results were, general trends or the most important findings; and
4. What was concluded, if separate from results.
Additionally, the abstract must be written to provide enough information for someone who is familiar with the discipline, but may not have a great deal of specialized training, to identify the basic scope of the study and important trends or results. The scope of an abstract for non-technical disciplines can be quite different, and for an MFA thesis may be inappropriate, e.g., for a book of fiction. The Abstract must be spaced in the same manner as the text, as discussed in under Line Spacing, Font Size (Section 4.4).

There is no longer a limit to the length of the abstract, but we recommend that for ease of online discovery you limit the length of your abstract to no more than 350 words or two pages.

4.10 Table of Contents

The title block “Table of Contents” must appear at the upper margin of the first page and be centered. The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages. Dotted leaders should be used between headings and page numbers. The word “Page” should be typed above the listing of the page numbers on each page of the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents must include every element listed in Section 4.5 that is actually used in the thesis, and must list all chapters and sections (at all levels) from the main body of the thesis. Distinct sections must have section headings. Specifically, the list must contain all chapter and section numbers (if used), their titles, and the page numbers on which they begin. Each title in the Table of Contents must match the title in the text EXACTLY. The Table of Contents must be spaced in the same manner as the text.

To assist in organizing the thesis, you may wish to number the chapters as Chapter 1, Chapter 2, etc… or simply 1, 2, etc., and then number the first-order sections by 1.1, 1.2, etc., the second-order sections by 1.1.1, 1.1.2, etc., and so on for additionally lower levels. If this, or some other, scheme is adopted, figures, tables, and other materials must follow that same protocol (e.g., Table 1.1, 1.2, etc.). Whatever naming scheme you choose it must be reflected in both the Table of Contents and the body of the thesis.

If there is only one Appendix, list it in the table of contents without its title. If there are multiple Appendices, list only “Appendices” and their initial page number here. Individual Appendices and titles are given in the “List of Appendices.”

4.11 List of Figures

The title block "List of Figures" must appear at the upper margin of the page and be centered. The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages. Dotted leader lines should be used between headings and page numbers. The word "Page" should be typed above the listing of page numbers on the first page of the List of Figures.

The List of Figures must be on a new, separate page or pages following the Table of Contents and must include all figure numbers, titles, and their page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. Every figure must have a short, comprehensive title that
is used on the figure page and in the List of Figures. Typically, this title is simply the first text in the legend (caption), in the same format as the full legend. The objective is that this short title uses only one line in the List of Figures, so a length of 8-10 words is recommended. Titles in the text and in the List of Figures must match EXACTLY.

The List of Figures must be spaced in the same manner as the text. A single title, however, is single-spaced if a second line is required. The first page number for the List of Figures must be listed in the Table of Contents.

4.12 List of Tables

The title block “List of Tables” must appear at the upper margin and be centered (or if on the last page of the List of Figures, one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced below its last entry, as used in the text). The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages.

The List of Tables follows the List of Figures and must include all table numbers, titles, and page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. If room permits, the List of Tables may be included on the last page of the List of Figures, but cannot then extend to a second page. Dotted leaders should be used between headings and page numbers on each page of the List of Tables. The word “Page” should be typed above the listing of the page numbers. Other comments relevant to the List of Figures and its titles apply also to the List of Tables.

4.13 List of Appendices

The List of Appendices must include all titles and page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. The same general guidelines described for figures and tables apply to this list. If there is only one appendix, this list is not used and the single entry “Appendix,” without title, is the last entry in the Table of Contents.

4.14 Preface or Acknowledgments

This is not a required part of the thesis, although it is traditionally included. This section may be omitted at the discretion of the student and graduate advisory committee. The preface should include such matters as reasons for undertaking the study, its scope and purpose, and acknowledgments (professional, personal, and funding). When only acknowledgments are included, the heading "Acknowledgments" should be used instead of "Preface." Those persons who are acknowledged should be referred to in a consistent manner (names and affiliations are preferred).

4.15 Text

The text is divided into as many chapters and sections as are necessary for clarity. The heading format for all chapters and sections (at all levels) must be developed in a consistent manner throughout, following requirements and recommendations herein. As stated in Section 4.4, all material must be consistently one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced throughout.
Acronyms and abbreviations must be defined at first use, unless they are defined in standard dictionaries, or are internationally accepted abbreviations or symbols for units, physical constants, mathematical operations or similar notation.

As stated elsewhere in this Thesis Format Handbook, the use of language, grammar, and punctuation must be professional, and must reflect positively on you, your advisor, and the university.

4.16 Figures

A figure, illustration, photograph, or other graphic that is bound within the body of the thesis is defined here as a figure. There is no differentiation between color and black-and-white figures. All figures must be of publishable quality, with care taken to insure reproducibility of all details. To this end, the font size for text must equal or exceed 6 point after reproduction. Your graduate advisory committee should review the content of figures to insure their appropriateness. Outside the technical disciplines there may be appropriate exceptions to this broad definition of a figure or even the appropriateness of a legend (caption) e.g., a political cartoon within a satirical novel.

Figures and their legends (captions) must remain within the limits of the page margins prescribed previously. Font size, typeface, and graph size for figures must be consistent throughout the thesis. The legend (caption) is to be placed at the bottom of the figure and labeled consistently; i.e., all centered or all not centered; all labeled "Figure" or "Fig." Figures are numbered consecutively throughout the thesis (e.g., Fig. 1, Fig. 2, etc.) or sequentially only within each chapter (e.g., Figure 4.1, Figure 4.2, etc., in Chapter 4). Spacing for figure legends (captions) may be single-spaced (preferred), one-and-one-half-spaced, or double-spaced, as long as they are consistent throughout and do not exceed the spacing for the text. The same spacing separates a figure from its caption. The full caption for the figure follows directly after the shorter title, and may begin on a new line.

A figure must be inserted in the text immediately following its first identification, either when embedded within the text or on a separate following page. Both methods may be used in the thesis, but consistency of format must be maintained. For example, use only embedded figures of less than some selected dimension, with all others on a following page. When placing a figure on a following page, place the figure vertically on the page (portrait format) if possible. When a figure must be sideways on the page (landscape format), the top of the figure should always be on the reader's left side of the page. There is no requirement that the figure be placed at the top margin, but placement must be consistent throughout the thesis; the figure and its legend (caption) should be centered on the page for best appearance. Larger figures that will not fit in a standard page, even in landscape orientation, should be submitted as supplemental files and referred to accordingly within the text.

A facing-page legend (caption) is used only when the clarity or legibility of a particular figure or illustration would be jeopardized by having to place the legend on the
same page. When a facing-page legend is used, it is placed on a separate sheet of paper and it is **not to be numbered or counted** in the numbering of pages; it is considered an extension of the page it faces. An additional blank page, therefore, may need to be inserted to keep continuity of page numbering. The caption is to be centered on the page, near the lower margin. The exact number of lines from the lower margin is not specified, but must be consistent throughout the thesis and should not exceed the prescribed margins.

More than one figure can be embedded into a single page. Embedded figures must be placed vertically on the page (portrait format). When a figure is embedded within a text page, the minimum spacing before and after the figure and its legend (caption) from the text must be **twice** the one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced format used in the text. Spacing between text and the figure on either side must be the same dimension as in the vertical direction. An embedded figure and its legend (caption) can extend to a margin. The format for embedded figures must be consistent throughout.

Most figures can be oriented in the portrait format. When a figure must be sideways on the page (landscape format), the figure follows the rule on margins for the portrait orientation pages, and with the top of the figure appearing always to the reader’s left, regardless of which side of the document it appears on. There is no requirement that the figure be placed at the top margin, but placement must be consistent throughout the thesis; the figure and its legend (caption) should be centered on the page for best appearance.

Photographs of works of art, costumes, research apparatus, and other real objects central to the thesis should be included in the thesis as figures. Disposition of these real objects is not a subject of this handbook, but the student may be responsible for depositing them in a suitable archive, based on conditions of a grant or contract or standards of their profession.

Preserve your original figures and photographs because you may wish to revise or further reduce them or make better copies for other publications.

### 4.17 Tables

A table’s title is placed at the top of each table and must be placed consistently throughout; all centered or not centered, and labeled “Table.” The title, headings, information in the table, and explanatory information must remain within the limits of the page margins prescribed previously. Tables are numbered consecutively throughout the thesis (e.g., Table 1, Table 2, etc.) or sequentially only within each chapter (e.g., Table 4.1, Table 4.2, etc., in Chapter 4). The numbering scheme must be consistent with that used for the figures. The “short-title” rule used for figures is applicable. Like figures,
Most tables can be oriented in the portrait format. When a table must be sideways on the page (landscape format), the table follows the rule on margins for the portrait orientation pages, and with the top of the table appearing always to the reader’s left, regardless of which side of the document it appears on. There is no requirement that the table be placed at the top margin, but placement must be consistent throughout the thesis; the table and its legend (caption) should be centered on the page for best appearance.

For short tables, the spacing requirements and font size must be consistent with the text. Table titles may be single-spaced (preferred), but consistent spacing of the titles must then be used throughout. For tables that could exceed one full page (long tables), a more compact format is acceptable if the table can then fit on a single page for ease of reading. This may include the use of spacing smaller than that used for the text, and the use of consistent breaks, indention, or groupings of lines to make them more legible. The minimum font size is 6 for the body of the table only and this small font is normally acceptable only for limited use, e.g., super or sub-scripts. Size 8 is a more readable choice for the bulk of a table and only if necessary to keep the table within one page. The title, headings, etc., must use the same font size as the text. The format of tables must be consistent throughout. Tables that exceed one page must be captioned “Table x.y continued” on all subsequent pages.

4.18 Equations in the Text

Equations usually appear on a separate line, with one blank line above and below (or one-half line if 1.5-spacing is used), and are normally indented at least 5 spaces from the left margin. Equations must be numbered sequentially in order of appearance in the text. They may either be numbered continuously throughout the thesis, (1), (2), (3), etc., or by chapter, e.g., (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), etc., for equations in Chapter 4. The number of the equation is normally located at the right margin opposite the first line of the equation. The number may be indented a few spaces from the right margin, but any indentation must be consistent. The equation number normally appears in parentheses or square brackets, and leader dots are not used. Alternatively, the equation number, in parentheses or square brackets, can be placed at the left margin, with at least 5 spaces between the equation number and the equation. However, the numbers must appear at the left or right margin consistently throughout the thesis.

References to equations are in the form Equation 1 (or Eq. 1), or Equation 4.1 (or Eq. 4.1), depending on the numbering system used; “Equation” (or “Eq.”) is normally capitalized in such references, but lower case is permitted if used consistently.

Very simple equations, which can be typed without ambiguity on a single line (e.g., \(a(b+c) = d\)) and which won’t be referred to later in the thesis, may be included within the text, and in that case are not numbered. However, such simple equations may also be on
separate lines and numbered, as above.

All variables and constants in equations must be defined at their first occurrence. Alternatively, all variables and constants can be defined in a table; then reference should be made to this table when the first equation is inserted. Consult with your committee members to determine the normal practice in your field.

4.19 References, Literature Cited

Preferred formats for reference listings vary widely, so a specific format is not imposed herein. Therefore, it is imperative that you refer to the approved style manual in your field and consult with your graduate advisory committee.

References must be listed in alphabetical order of the first author's surname, and, after that, by sequential dates. The approved style manual governs the ordering for two or more authors. Alternatively, when references in the text are identified by numbers they must be listed in numeric order, and they must appear in the text in numeric order. It is recommended that references be single-spaced within an entry and then double-spaced between entries. However, they may be spaced the same as the rest of the document. The edition of a book must be indicated if the one used is not the first edition. If this section is entitled "Literature Cited" it must include only those references actually cited in the text of the thesis.

You are responsible for carefully checking the reference list to ensure that (1) it is complete, including all papers and other items such as websites cited (must have last accessed date) in your thesis, and correct, and (2) the references are consistently formatted. Every citation must be referenced and every reference must have a corresponding in-text citation.

Please note what style manual you used in the “Notes to Administrator” during the ETD submittal process.

4.20 Appendices

In choosing appendices, you must determine, in concert with your graduate advisory committee, what materials are essential to include as supporting information to the thesis. Appendices must be paginated consecutively within the text numbering system. Tables and figures that appear in an appendix can be numbered in one of two ways:

1. They may continue the numbering system begun in the text, so that if Table 3 is the last table in the text, the first table in the first appendix is Table 4; or
2. They may be numbered sequentially within each appendix in the form Table A-1, Table A-2, etc., for Appendix A, Table B-1 etc., for Appendix B, etc.

All requirements for a table in an appendix are the same as for a table in the text. Each
appendix must be identified separately by a block title (e.g., Appendix A, Appendix B, etc.) that appears centered at the upper margin of the first page. A short appendix title follows on the next text line, with its exact title listed in the List of Appendices. These are not repeated on any subsequent pages. There is no title if only one appendix appears in the thesis, and the block title is simply “Appendix.”

Figures and tables in the appendix/appendices must be listed in the List of Figures and List of Tables (respectively).

4.21 Supplemental Files

If you have materials to be included in the thesis that are over-sized or cannot be bound (e.g., geological maps, CD, videos, etc.), they must be submitted as supplemental files. If you have multiple small files, compile them in a zipped folder and submit the folder as a file. You have a 1,000 MB limit for supplemental files.

4.22 Foldout Pages

Theses and dissertations submitted through the ETD process cannot have oversize pages. If you submit an oversize page, as part of your document it will be split in half and printed as two separate pages, affecting the pagination of the rest of the thesis. If you have any oversize figures you should submit them as supplemental files and refer to them as such in the text. Supplemental files will be included in the archive copy and your bound copies as a CD or DVD in a pocket.

4.23 In-Text References

4.23.1 General Information

Contemporary practice in the formatting of quotes, footnotes and in-text citations varies so widely that no satisfactory rule can be stated. Consult with your graduate advisory committee and the approved style manual in your field for additional guidance.

4.23.2 Quotes

Prose quotations of over three lines (more or less depending on the style manual you are using) must be typed in block style (with indentation and no quotation marks) or in the style appropriate to the field, and must be one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced (unless indicated differently by your style manual), consistent with the main body of the text.

Shorter quotations are placed within the main body of the text. Review the use and proper placement of punctuation marks when combined with quotation marks. As an example: "Note that a comma or period comes before the closing quotation mark."

4.23.3 Footnotes

According to the special demands of the thesis, explanatory footnotes may be included, and must be consistently placed as follows:
1. At the bottom of each page, separated from the text by a solid line of consistent length equivalent to at least ten spaces; or

2. Within the text itself, set off by solid lines above and below the footnote and extending across the page from margin to margin.

3. Footnotes to tables may be placed below them and designated with lower-case letters or other symbols as specified in the selected style manual.

In general, place footnotes at the bottom of each page. All footnotes must be single-spaced and typed within the prescribed margins. Footnotes must be numbered consecutively throughout the thesis or by chapter and the numbers must be placed in accordance with the format recommended by the selected style manual. If the footnote system of in-text citation is used throughout the thesis, any standardized format is acceptable if approved by the graduate advisory committee and followed consistently.

4.23.4 In-Text Citations

When the system of citing references within parentheses or brackets is used, the format of the selected style manual must be followed. These citations must be sufficiently exact to enable the reader to find the source with ease.
Chapter 5 Requirements for Thesis Manuscript Format

5.1 Introduction
The manuscript format is provided should you wish to use, as a complete chapter or chapters, a manuscript or manuscripts that are ready for submission, have been submitted, or are published in a scholarly journal or journals. This includes stories, plays, poetry, etc., that are not published in the standard journal format of the technical disciplines. For technical papers, the requirements herein are concerned with the format required for journal submission as opposed to the format of the published paper. The University of Alaska Fairbanks approves of this method of writing the thesis when certain guidelines are followed, as stated herein. For the purpose of these requirements, papers given at conferences are not considered manuscripts, although the information may be included as a part of the thesis. If the manuscript format is selected, you must follow journal guidelines exactly, except as defined in Chapters 3 and 5 of this handbook. A single-chapter thesis should be formatted as a monograph (Chapter 4), and not as a manuscript.

Thesis chapters must be printed as part of the thesis manuscript and CANNOT be simply the digital files from a journal inserted as part of the thesis (but may be added as supplemental files). The insertion of a chapter or chapters from a single journal establishes that journal’s format as applicable to the full thesis. If chapters are included from two or more journals, the format of each journal is used for the respective chapters. The format of the chapters not being published or prepared for publication (i.e., non-journal or “other” chapters) is selected based on the dominant format for the chapters that are published or for publication (journal chapters). If there is no dominant format for the published chapters, the format of the other chapters must follow that of the first journal chapter appearing in the thesis. Otherwise, the dominant journal format must be used for the other chapters. For example, if two chapters are published in Journal A and one from Journal B, then the format of the remaining material (that not intended for submission) is to follow the format of Journal A.

Graduate advisory committees may recommend this manuscript format for some students, but not for others. You and your committee should make a decision early in your graduate career on what format will be used.

5.2 Authorship
The degree candidate submitting the thesis must be the sole or first author on each manuscript included in the body of the thesis; it is the first author who contributed most to the work, including the writing of the manuscript. If multiple-authored manuscripts are used, you must include a clear statement as to what work was done by you and what was done by your co-authors. This is generally written in the Acknowledgments, but it could also appear in the General Introduction.

To indicate the current status of each manuscript, the names of all authors, in the
order of appearance in the manuscript, and the name of the journal (with volume, page numbers, and date, if known) must be given as a footnote to the title on the first page of each manuscript in the thesis. This footnote will start at #1 for each chapter. Permission to use the manuscript in the thesis must be obtained from each co-author. For advisory committee members, their signatures on the thesis signify their consent. For authors that are not part of the advisory committee, a letter or e-mail message granting permission should included as an appendix.

If you had a secondary role on a manuscript, that manuscript should be included as an appendix if it bears directly on the body of the thesis; otherwise, such manuscripts are not to be included in the thesis.

5.3 Research Approval

If your research requires IACUC, IRB, IBC, etc. approval then you must include proof of the approval in your thesis/dissertation, usually as a copy of the approval letter attached as an appendix.

5.4 Line Spacing, Font Size

The thesis must be one-and-one-half-spaced or double-spaced consistently throughout. If one-and-one-half-spaced is selected, then double-spaced cannot be used anywhere. Any simple, non-script font may be used, and this same typeface must be used throughout the thesis, except for individual chapters for which a journal may specify a particular typeface. However, you are encouraged to convert to a single typeface throughout unless conversion creates difficulties. The font size must be 10-12 point consistently throughout. Any exceptions to the requirements of this section are discussed where appropriate.

5.5 Arrangement of Pages

This style of thesis must have general introduction and conclusion sections. These are titled Introduction and Conclusion(s), respectively, except where other titles are deemed appropriate, as for example in an MFA thesis comprising a collection of short stories published separately. Literature Cited/References may come directly after the General Introduction section and the General Conclusion section or it may placed after just the General Conclusion section (preferred). The numerous elements of the thesis must be presented in the sequence listed below. Additional information about content and form for each of these elements is included on the following pages.
The sequence is:

**Preliminary Pages**
- Signature Page
- Title Page
- Abstract
- Dedication Page *
- Table of Contents
- List of Figures
- List of Tables
- List of Other Materials
- List of Appendices
- Preface or Acknowledgments

**Main Body of the Thesis**
- General Introduction
- References/Literature Cited**
- Chapter 1  (and repeat for each additional chapter)
  - Abstract (optional and then consistent with journal style)
  - Text (including chapter introduction, chapter text, etc.)
  - Figures+#
  - Tables++
  - References/Literature Cited+
  - Appendix or Appendices+◊
- Chapter 2 (repeat sequence from Chapter 1)
- Chapter 3 (repeat sequence from Chapter 1)
- General Conclusion(s)
  - References/Literature Cited**
- Appendix or Appendices◊
- Pocket (Attached to the back cover if necessary. Not part of the bound text.)

* The Dedication Page may go after the Abstract or List of Appendices or after the Preface or Acknowledgments.
** The References, Literature Cited for the General Introduction may be combined with the References, Literature Cited for the General Conclusion to form one Reference, Literature Cited section (located after the General Conclusion).
+ Tables, figures, etc., for the specific chapter only. However, also see the discussion in Sections 5.17 and 5.18 regarding embedded figures and tables.
# In some cases, a journal may require manuscripts to be submitted in the order of text, literature cited, tables then figures. This is allowable under the manuscript formatting.
◊ Placement of the references and appendices may be reversed.
5.6 Fly Pages

Fly pages are now automatically added by the binder after a document is submitted electronically. Students should no longer add fly pages to their document.

5.7 Signature Page

The Signature Page is Roman numeral one (i) of the thesis, but a page number does not appear on this page. The title of the thesis and name of the student appear at the top of the page, as illustrated on page i of this handbook. An appropriate number of lines must be provided so that there is a signature line only for the exact number of signatures required for approval. Each line must have the individual’s name below it, with title and program listed on the next line, under the name. The use of middle initials is left to the judgment of the student, but the use must be consistent, i.e. use them for everyone, or no one. Original signatures are required on all copies of the Signature Page. The Graduate School recommends two copies. The original Signature Page that you submit will have all signatures except that of the Dean of the Graduate School, which will be included after the page is submitted to the Graduate School. An electronic copy of the completed signature page will be inserted into the final copy of the thesis before it is sent to print. If a committee member is away when his or her signature is needed, refer to the section on the Approval Process (Section 1.6) in Guidelines for Preparation of the Thesis (Chapter 1).

The Signature Page may have the names of the signers as long as they are consistent (all signature lines including Dept. Chair and Deans must have names if all the committee names are listed). If middle initials or salutations (Dr., Mr., Ms., etc.) are to be listed they must be listed for all signers.

Example 1 (with middle initials):

David K. Smith
Sarah L. Thomas
Robert M. Wall
Advisory Committee Chair
Emily N. Dymo
Chair, Department of Formatting

Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.

Example 2 (with salutations):

Mr. David Smith
Dr. Sarah Thomas
Dr. Robert Wall
Advisory Committee Chair
Dr. Emily Dymo
Chair, Department of Formatting

Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.
Example 3 (with degrees):

David Smith, MFA
Sarah Thomas, PhD
Robert Wall, PhD
Advisory Committee Chair
Emily Dymo, PhD
Chair, Department of Formatting

Don’t forget to have the names of the deans as well.

Those who sign the SignaturePage bear the following responsibilities:

- Advisor: approval of thesis content, English usage and readability, and thesis format
- Committee members: agreement with and support of advisor's assessment of the thesis
- Department chair: thesis meets department requirements, agreement with committee's assessment of the thesis
- College/School Dean: thesis meets college/school requirements, agreement with department's assessment of the thesis
- Graduate Dean: thesis conforms to university format requirements, abstract is readable to a non-specialist, thesis is acceptable to UAF

5.8 Title Page

Care must be taken in selecting a title that is concise and yet contains enough information to indicate the scope of the work. Avoid using acronyms or abbreviations in titles, unless they are commonly understood, e.g., USA, DNA. It is also acceptable to use an acronym or abbreviation if it is much more widely recognized than the written-out version, e.g., the MODIS sensor.

The Title Page is page iii of the thesis, but a page number does not appear on that page. Note that the "Name of Degree" is not the particular area of emphasis, but the name of the general degree; i.e., Master of Science, Master of Arts, Doctor of Philosophy, etc. Also note that the date of the degree must be the month and year the degree will be awarded, with no comma between them; e.g., May 2014. UAF degrees are awarded only in May, August, and December of each year, so one of these three will be the month listed on the thesis. See page ii of this handbook.

The location will always be Fairbanks, Alaska even if you have spent your entire academic career in Anchorage or Juneau or some other location. Your degree is from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

5.9 Abstract

The Abstract is page v of the thesis, and is the first page on which a page number appears. The Abstract is the most frequently read portion of a technical thesis, and, as such, it must be a concise statement of the nature and content of the thesis. **No citations**
are allowed in the Abstract. The abstract must be written so as to convey the following information:

1. The problem addressed or objective of the study;
2. What was done generally, not specifically;
3. What the results were general trends or the most important findings; and
4. What was concluded, if separate from results.

Additionally, the abstract must be written to provide enough information for someone who is familiar with the discipline, but may not have a great deal of specialized training, to identify the basic scope of the study and important trends or results. The scope of an abstract for non-technical disciplines can be quite different, and for an MFA thesis may be inappropriate, e.g., for a book. The Abstract must be spaced in the same manner as the text, as discussed in under Line Spacing, Font Size.

There is no longer a limit to the length of the abstract, but we recommend that for ease of online discovery you limit the length of your abstract to no more than 350 words or two pages.

5.10 Table of Contents

The title block “Table of Contents” must appear at the top of the page and be centered. The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages. Dotted leaders are used between headings and page numbers. The word “Page” should be typed above the listing of the page numbers on each page of the Table of Contents.

The Table of Contents must include every element listed in Section 5.4 that is actually used in the thesis, and must list all chapters and sections (at all levels) from the main body of the thesis. Distinct sections must have section headings. Specifically, the list must contain all chapter and section numbers (if used), their titles, and the page numbers on which they begin. Each title in the Table of Contents must match the title in the text EXACTLY. The Table of Contents must be spaced in the same manner as the text, as discussed in Line Spacing, Font Size (Section 5.4).

To assist in organizing the thesis, you may wish to number the chapters as Chapter 1, Chapter 2, etc., or simply 1, 2, etc., and then number the first-order sections by 1.1, 1.2, etc., the second-order sections by 1.1.1, 1.1.2, etc., and so on for additional lower levels. If this, or some other scheme is adopted, figures, tables, and other materials must follow that same protocol (e.g., Table 1.1, 1.2, 2.1).

Whatever single method you select for identification, it must be used consistently throughout the thesis and with unique, sequential numbering in each chapter for figures, tables, and other materials. This is required even if it introduces a difference between the chapter in the thesis (UAF requirement) and the material submitted for publication (journal requirement).

If there is only one Appendix, list it in the table of contents without its title. If there are multiple Appendices, list only “Appendices” and the initial page numbers here. Individual appendices and titles are given in the “List of Appendices.”
5.11 List of Figures

The title block “List of Figures” must appear at the upper margin and be centered. The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages. Dotted leaders are used between headings and page numbers. The word “Page” should be typed above the listing of the page numbers on each page of the List of Figures.

The List of Figures must be on a separate page or pages following the Table of Contents and must include all figure numbers, titles, and their page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. Every figure must have a short, comprehensive title that is used on the figure page and in the List of Figures. Typically, this title is simply the first text in the legend (caption), in the same format as the full legend. The objective is that this short title uses only one line in the List of Figures, so a length of 8-10 words is recommended. Titles in the text and in the List of Figures must match EXACTLY.

The List of Figures must be spaced in the same manner as the text. A single title, however, is single-spaced if a second line is required. The first page number for the List of Figures must be listed in the Table of Contents.

5.12 List of Tables

The title block “List of Tables” must appear at the upper margin and be centered (or if on the last page of the List of Figures, one-and-one-half spaced or double-spaced below its last entry, as used in the text). Dotted leaders are used between headings and page numbers. The word “Page” should be typed above the listing of the page numbers on each page of the List of Tables.

The List of Tables follows the List of Figures and must include all table numbers, titles, and page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. If room permits, the List of Tables may be included on the last page of the List of Figures, but cannot then extend to a second page. The title block is not repeated on any subsequent pages. Other comments relevant to the List of Figures and its titles apply also to the List of Tables.

5.13 List of Appendices

The List of Appendices must include all titles and page numbers in order of appearance in the thesis. The same general guidelines described for figures and tables apply. If there is only one appendix in a chapter, this list is not used and the single entry “Appendix XX,” without title, is made within the Table of Contents, where “XX” would be 3.0, for example, for the single appendix in Chapter 3. If there is only one appendix within the conclusion section, this list is not used and the single entry “Appendix,” without title, is made within the Table of Contents. The exact format will depend on the method selected for identification of figures, etc.

All figures and tables within an appendix must be listed in the List of Figures and List of Tables respectively.
5.14 Preface or Acknowledgments

This is not a required part of the thesis, although it is traditionally included. This section may be omitted at the discretion of the student and graduate advisory committee. The preface should include such matters as reasons for undertaking the study, its scope and purpose, and acknowledgments (professional, personal, and funding). When only acknowledgments are included, the heading "Acknowledgments" should be used instead of "Preface." Those persons who are acknowledged should be referred to in a consistent manner (names and affiliations are preferred).

5.15 Text

The text is divided into as many chapters and major and minor sections (of all levels) as are necessary for clarity. The format for chapter and section headings (e.g., numbering and titles) must be consistent throughout the thesis to produce a consistent format for the Table of Contents. It is recognized that these and some other requirements might conflict with some journal requirements, but the requirement for consistency within the thesis is judged of greater importance. Simple editing of the manuscript is required to make the transition where differences exist.

This alternate thesis format is provided for a thesis in which a part or parts of the thesis are ready for submission, have been submitted for publication, or have been published already in a scholarly journal or its equivalent, and you do not wish to reformat that work for inclusion within the thesis or it would be difficult to do so. While your use of the format described of Chapter 4 is not precluded by the publication status of your work, this alternate format option does reduce (with minor exceptions noted herein) the need for you to prepare the manuscript or parts thereof in two different formats, i.e., the thesis and journal submission formats. However, to maintain a consistent format throughout the thesis, the following format rules apply:

1. A thesis using this format must have general introduction and conclusion sections. These are titled Introduction and Conclusion(s), respectively, except where other titles are deemed appropriate, as for example in an MFA thesis comprising a collection of short stories. The General Introduction and Conclusion must cover information from all chapters in the thesis. The included chapters, if they have been previously published, may contain some of this information. The format of the general Introduction and Conclusion should be that of the most commonly used format elsewhere in the thesis (e.g., typeface, references, etc.).

2. The full citation for each submitted or published manuscript must be included as a footnote on the first page of each such chapter (published as, in press, submitted to, or prepared for submission in).

3. Requirements for margins, line spacing, font size, preliminary pages, Table of Contents, List of Figures, etc., chapter headings, major and minor section headings (at all levels), figures, tables, etc. must follow UAF
requirements as listed in this Thesis Format Handbook. Make sure that these general formatting requirements are maintained throughout the thesis, regardless of the format used for a particular publication.

4. Continuous pagination is required throughout the thesis.

5. Manuscripts must appear formatted as part of the thesis rather than inserted from the journal(s).

6. Each manuscript must blend with the other parts of the thesis in substance; i.e. section headings, margins, tables, etc. (see previous section), although they may be prepared in the style of the appropriate scientific journal.
Chapter 1: Guidelines for Preparation of Your Thesis or Dissertation

Abstract

A dissertation is required of every candidate for the Ph.D. degree and is expected to include work that represents the equivalent of at least one (1) academic year at the University of Alaska Fairbanks. The doctoral dissertation must demonstrate the ability to perform independent research and must be a substantial contribution to the body of knowledge in the student’s area of interest, the substance of which is publishable in a professional journal or as a book.

A thesis is required in some Master’s degree programs, as indicated under specific degree-program requirements. Other programs require no thesis. In those instances, a project is prepared rather than a thesis. The UAF Faculty Senate and the Graduate School have imposed no requirements on the format of a project report in the non-thesis option; the format is controlled at the department level. You must obtain specific project format requirements from your department.

Acronyms and abbreviations must be defined at first use, unless they are defined in standard dictionaries, or are internationally accepted abbreviations or symbols for units, physical constants, mathematical operations or similar notations.

As stated elsewhere in this Thesis Format Handbook, the level of skill demonstrated by the use of language, grammar, and punctuation must be competent and professional, and must reflect positively on you, your advisor, and the university.

5.16 Figures

A figure, illustration, photograph, or other graphic that is bound within the body of the thesis is defined here as a figure. There is no differentiation between color and black-and-white figures. All figures must be of publishable quality, with care taken to insure reproducibility of all details. To this end, the font size for text must equal or exceed 6 after reproduction. Your graduate advisory committee should review the content of figures to insure their appropriateness. Outside the technical disciplines there may be appropriate exceptions to this broad definition of a figure or even the appropriateness of a legend (caption), e.g., a political cartoon within a satirical novel.

Figures and their legends (captions) must remain within the limits of the page margins prescribed previously. Font size, typeface, and graph size for figures must be consistent throughout the thesis or within chapters as required by specific journal formats. The legend (caption) is to be placed at the bottom of the figure and labeled consistently, i.e., all centered or all not centered, all labeled "Figure" or "Fig.". Figures are numbered sequentially within each chapter (e.g., Figure 4.1, Figure 4.2, etc., in Chapter 4). Spacing for figure legends (captions) may be single-spaced, one-and-one-half-spaced, or double-spaced, as long as they are consistent throughout and do not exceed the spacing for the text. The same spacing separates a figure from its caption. The full caption for the figure follows directly after the shorter title, beginning on the same line. You do not use a separate list of figure captions within this manuscript-format option, even if required by a journal. The List of Figures is required, as discussed in Section 5.11.

The standard format for submission of papers to journals generally requires the attachment of all figures and tables after the full text. These are then inserted within the text by the journal as the paper is prepared for printing. In response to continuing technological innovation, some journals now provide authors with the option to embed figures and tables directly into the manuscript as it is being prepared for submission. It is expected that this option will become increasingly available in the future. If embedding is required by a journal, you do so for that chapter or those chapters using the format requirements of that journal. If embedding is an option versus a requirement, you may use the option to embed figures and tables, following the format requirements of that journal, or you may simply place the figures and tables at the end of the manuscript following the ordering specified in Section 5.5. However, you must make the same option selection for all chapters governed by that journal’s format. The choice to embed or not
embed for chapters in one journal’s format does not force you to make the same choice for chapters using a different journal’s format. Under these conditions, chapters not for publication (i.e., “other” chapters) are not required to have embedded figures and tables, but see additional information provided in several following paragraphs of this section. Hence, it is possible for a thesis to contain different chapters in which figures and tables are or are not embedded.

If a journal requires that figures and tables be placed at the end of the manuscript, UAF still provides you the option to embed the figures and tables within your thesis. However, there are specific format requirements. If another chapter in your thesis is governed by the format of a journal that requires or allows the use of embedded figures and tables, then that format must be used. If two or more chapters have embedded figures formatted according to journal requirement or options, then you must use one of these formats for any remaining chapters that are not governed by the format of a specific journal. The choice of format should be made to minimize the number of different formats within the thesis. However, having elected to embed figures and tables when the journal did not allow it for submission, you must now use the embedding format throughout the remainder of your thesis for all chapters not governed by a required journal format. This includes chapters not for publication.

If no journal-submitted material from your thesis requires or provides the option for embedded figures and tables, you would normally place the figures and tables at the end of each chapter as per Section 5.5. However, UAF allows you the option of embedding the figures and tables using any standard journal format for embedded figures and tables. For all options, you cannot embed some figures and tables in a chapter and place others at the end of the chapter.

Because the use of embedded figures places an increased workload on the author and complicates later editing, the decision to use embedded figures can be difficult. In contrast, the use of embedded figures provides for a more readable manuscript. UAF’s main requirement is that your selections result in as consistent a format as is possible under these conditions. Your graduate advisory committee may be able to assist you in making these selections.

Most figures can be oriented in the portrait format. When a figure must be sideways on the page (landscape format), the top of the figure follows the rule on margins for the even- or odd-numbered pages, depending on its location, and with the top of the figure appearing always to the reader’s left, regardless of which side of the document it appears on. There is no requirement that the figure be placed at the top margin, but placement must be consistent throughout the thesis; the figure and its legend (caption) should be centered on the page for best appearance.

A facing-page legend (caption) is used only when placing the legend on the same page would jeopardize the clarity or legibility of a particular figure or illustration. When a facing-page legend is used, it is placed on a separate sheet of paper and it is not to be paged, or counted in the numbering of pages; it is considered an extension of the page it
faces. The caption is to be centered on the page, near the lower margin. The exact number of lines from the lower margin is not specified, but must be consistent throughout the thesis.

Contemporary methods of digital processing provide a powerful tool by which color and black-and-white illustrations and photographic figures can be scanned and then printed onto regular paper and inserted directly into the thesis. The quality of such methods must be monitored carefully. You are urged to make use of these techniques versus the use of photographic paper.

Photographs of works of art, costumes, research apparatus, and other real objects central to the thesis should be included in the thesis as figures. Disposition of these real objects is not a subject of this handbook, but the student may be responsible for depositing them in a suitable archive, based on conditions of a grant or contract or standards of their profession.

Preserve your original figures and photographs because you may wish to revise or further reduce them or make better copies for other publications.

5.17 Tables

A table’s format is defined by the journal format followed for that chapter, but you are encouraged to reformat tables if the submission copy is difficult to read. You must remain consistent, however, throughout the chapter. The title, headings, information in the table, and explanatory information must remain within the limits of the page margins prescribed previously. The same rules apply for tables as for figures in your thesis when you elect to embed them or place them at the end of chapters. You cannot use one method for figures and another for tables.

A table’s title is placed at the top of each table. The title, headings, information in the table, and explanatory information must remain within the limits of the page margins previously described. The “short-title” rule used for figures is applicable.

For short tables, the spacing requirements and font size must be consistent with the text. Table titles may be single-spaced, but consistent spacing of the titles must then be used throughout. For tables that could exceed one full page (long tables), a more compact format is acceptable if the table can then fit on a single page for ease of reading. This may include the use of smaller spacing than used for the text, and the use of consistent breaks, indentions, or groupings of lines to make them more legible. The minimum font size is 8 for the body of the table only. Superscripts and subscripts (and similar annotations) may use a font size of 6. If your table(s) will fit better the title, headings, etc., must use the same font size as the text. The format of such tables must be consistent throughout.
Tables that exceed one page must be captioned “Table x.y continued…” on all subsequent pages. For tables that require to be inserted in landscape orientation, or facing page title, follow the same guidelines for landscape figures (Section 5.17).

5.18 Equations in the Text

For some journals, equation format may differ from these guidelines, and then the journal format may be used for those chapters to which it applies.

Equations usually appear on a separate line, with one blank line above and below (or one-half line if 1.5-spacing is used), and are normally indented at least 5 spaces from the left margin. Equations must be numbered sequentially in order of appearance in the text. They may either be numbered continuously throughout the thesis, (1), (2), (3), etc., or by chapter, e.g., (4.1), (4.2), (4.3), etc., for equations in Chapter 4. The number of the equation is located at the right margin opposite the first line of the equation. The number may be indented a few spaces from the right margin, but any indentation must be consistent. The equation number normally appears in parentheses or square brackets, and leader dots are not used. Alternatively, the equation number, in parentheses or square brackets, can be placed at the left margin, with at least 5 spaces between the equation number and the equation. However, the numbers must appear at the left or the right margin consistently throughout the thesis, unless it is necessary to vary the location between chapters because of differing journal formats.

References to equations are in the form Equation 1 (or Eq. 1), or Equation 4.1 (or Eq. 4.1), depending on the numbering system used; “Equation” (or “Eq.”) is normally capitalized in such references, but lower case is permitted if used consistently.

Very simple equations, which can be typed without ambiguity on a single line (e.g., \(a(b+c) = d\)) and which won’t be referred to later in the thesis, may be included within the text, and in that case are not numbered. However, such simple equations may also be on separate lines and numbered, as above.

All variables and constants in equations must be defined at their first occurrence. Alternatively, all variables and constants can be defined in a table; then reference should be made to this table when the first equation is inserted. Consult with your committee members to determine the normal practice in your field. If the chapters are to be submitted or have been submitted or published as journal articles, then the variables and constants must be defined at first occurrence within each such chapter, or a table defining the variables used must appear in each chapter, as required by the corresponding journal.

5.19 References, Literature Cited

References within a thesis journal chapter must be formatted according to specifications of the specific journal style, except as noted below. A reference within another chapter (non-journal) follows the journal format previously established for such chapters, as discussed in Section 5.1. Line spacing and font size must be consistent with the requirement for the entire thesis, as opposed to any journal requirement. The actual title in a chapter for References, Literature Cited, etc., is based on the journal format.
Please note what style-manual you followed for non-published chapters in the “Notes to Administrator” during the ETD submittal process. You are responsible for carefully checking the reference list to ensure that (1) It is complete, including all papers and other items such as websites cited in the thesis, and correct. (2) The references are consistently formatted.

5.20 Appendices

In choosing appendices, you must determine, in concert with your graduate advisory committee, what materials are essential to include as supporting information to individual chapters for publication and for other parts of the thesis. Appendices in the thesis must be paginated consecutively within the text numbering system.

Each appendix within a chapter must be identified separately in the journal-specified manner, but preceded by the chapter number; e.g., Appendix 3.A, Appendix 3.B, etc., for appendices in Chapter 3. The title format is specified by the journal, with its exact title listed in the List of Appendices.

Tables and figures that appear in an appendix within a chapter must be numbered sequentially within each appendix; e.g., Table 3.A-1, Table 3.A-2, etc., for Appendix 3.A, Table 3.B-1 etc., for Appendix B, etc, in Chapter 3. Requirements for the format of a table in an appendix are those of the journal.

Each appendix included at the end of the thesis must be identified separately by a block title (e.g., Appendix A, Appendix B, etc.) that appears centered at the upper margin of the first page. A short appendix title follows on the next text line, with its exact title listed in the List of Appendices. There are not repeated on any subsequent pages. There is no title if only one appendix appears in the thesis and the block title is simply “Appendix.”

Appendices may also be included at the end of the thesis. Tables and figures that appear in such appendices must be numbered sequentially within each appendix in the form Table A-1, Table A-2, for Appendix A, Table B-1 etc., for Appendix B, etc. All requirements for a table in an appendix are the same as for a table in the text.

5.21 Supplemental Files

If you have materials to be included in the thesis that are over-sized or cannot be bound (e.g., geological maps, music, videos, etc.), they must be submitted as supplemental files. If you have multiple small files, compile them in a zipped folder and submit the folder as a file. You have a 1,000 MB limit for supplemental files. Supplemental files will be included in the archive and your bound copies as a CD or DVD in a pocket within the bound document.
5.22 Foldout Pages

Theses and dissertations submitted through the ETD process cannot have oversize pages. If you submit an oversize page as part of your document it will be split in half and printed as two separate pages. This will affect the pagination for the rest of the thesis. If you have any oversize figures you should submit them as supplemental files and refer to them as such in the text. Supplemental files will be included in the archive and your bound copies as a CD or DVD in a pocket within the bound document.

5.23 In-Text References

5.23.1 General Information
You must refer to the style of the journal format being followed. In all cases, the requirements for non-journal chapters must follow the format as previously established in Section 5.1.

5.23.2 Quotes
You must refer to the style of the journal format being followed.

5.23.3 Footnotes
You must refer to the style of the journal format being followed.

5.23.4 In-Text Citations
You must refer to the style of the journal format being followed.
Chapter 6 Thesis Preparation Guidelines in Brief

6.1 General

1. Read the Thesis Format Handbook and contact the Graduate School at any time if you have questions.
2. Give yourself plenty of time for corrections, even when you think you are finished with the thesis.
3. Verify that everything is spelled correctly; make use of a software spell-checker. Note that MS Word’s spell-checker will not check words that are in ALL CAPS. Triple-check your thesis title on both the Signature Page and Title Page.
4. Margins must be correct: 1" (26 mm) top and inner (gutter) margins, 1" (26 mm) bottom and outer margins.
5. Preliminary pages must be numbered using Roman numerals (iii, v, etc.) Blank pages are not numbered but are counted (except for facing-legend pages)
6. The thesis should be formatted for US Letter size paper (8.5"x11"). A4 size (Europe) is not acceptable.

6.2 Signature Page, Title Page and Abstract

1. Bring your signature page to the Graduate School BEFORE obtaining any signatures for a format check.
2. Title page format must be correct. See the sample in the Thesis Format Handbook.
3. Abstract should describe briefly why the work was needed, what was done, what the results were, and your conclusions or recommendations.
4. There is no word-count limit for the Abstract but we highly recommend you limit it to two pages or 350 words max.
5. Abstract must be on page v of the thesis and it is the first page on which page numbers are printed.

6.3 Table of Contents, Tables, and Figures

1. Page numbers and titles in the Table of Contents, and in the List of Tables and List of Figures must match exactly what is in the body of the thesis. Did you recheck the Table of Contents after revising the figures and tables?
2. A shortened summary title of 8-10 words is recommended, so that the entire caption or description of a figure, table, or other object does not have to be printed in the List of Figures, List of Tables, or other lists.
3. Tables and figures must be clear and readable. Have you put too much information in the figures?

6.4 Body of the Thesis

1. Review the requirements of Chapter 2 and then either Chapter 4 or Chapter 5.
2. Proofread carefully, especially citations and references.
6.5 References/Literature Cited
1. Each reference cited in the text must be listed in under References, and vice versa. Have you spelled names the same way and used the same dates in both places?
2. All references in References must be listed consistently. (See a style manual in your discipline or particular journals for guidelines as to format.)

6.6 Special Instructions for Final Approval and Library
1. Provide the Graduate School with an approved copy (approved by committee, department head and dean) via the ETD submittal web site - http://www. etdadmin.com/UAF - for review by the deadline. Any copies you need/want will be paid for on the ETD site as part of the submittal process. All students writing a thesis or dissertation must also submit at the same time: a signed paper copy of the UAF publishing agreement (printed from the ETD site) and proof you completed the Graduating Student Exit Survey. Ph.D. students also must submit a 50-word version of their abstract for the Commencement Program, and complete the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED).

2. After making final corrections requested by the Graduate School, the final, corrected copy of your work must be submitted to the Graduate School via the ETD web site before you receive final clearance for graduation.

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Appendix

Writing Guides and Style Manuals (an example of landscape pages. Please note the location of the page number)

Writing Guides
Many books have been written on "how to write," just a few of which are listed here and may be available from the Rasmuson Library. Make use of the library or bookstores for these and other sources. These guides can help with the correct use of English, as well as give you ideas on formatting and content.


Style Manuals

You should consult with your graduate advisor regarding the specific style manual appropriate for your thesis; for some theses, specific technical journals may be preferable as style models. You also should become aware of any exceptions to published format or style that the degree program may require. Unless otherwise instructed by your graduate advisory committee chair, you should use the latest edition of the appropriate publication. Listed below are some of the preferred style manuals.

American Chemical Society. Handbook for Authors of Papers in American Chemical Society Publications

American Institute of Physics, Publication Board. Style Manual.


University of Chicago Press. Chicago Manual of Style