

Dissertation Prospectus

- Blue Print for a Dissertation
- Shows Your Commitment to the Project
- Jump Starts You into Your Study

Statement of the Problem

- Introduce the Topic
- Place within the Literature
- State What you Intend to Do in Your Study
- Pose Questions that Will Guide Your Study

Literature Review

- What has been written about the topic?
- Discuss the literature in your field
- Discuss related fields
- You want to show how the literature is deficient or has a void.
- Your job is to fill that void in light of this via your study.

Methodology

- Tool Box
- How Will You Get At the Issues in Your Study?
- Any Theories That Might Help You?
- How Will You Collect Data?
- How Will You Analyze Data?

Sources

- This is especially True in the Humanities
- Are there Sources Available to Do this Study?
- History: Primary Sources
- Other Fields: Texts and Data

Chapter Summaries

- Think of This As Imposing Order on Your Study
- How Will You Break it Down?
- How Does This Facilitate Explaining The Topic?
- What Kinds of Themes and Ideas Hold the Study together?
- Cohesion and Logic
- Answer the Question(s) You Originally Posed.

Conclusion

- Summarize What You Intend To Do in Your Dissertation.
- Justify The Need for The Study.
- Be Bold
- Articulate How This Will Change Our Understanding of The Subject.
- State How This is An Intervention in Your Field.