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2. **Please note** that there is an upper limit of 80 000 words on the main text of your thesis. Any request to exceed this limit must be discussed with the supervisor and final approval must be obtained from the Dean and the Doctoral Degrees Board.

3. There must be a title page indicating the thesis title, name of candidate (plus qualifications if you wish), name of department, your supervisor's name/s; university, and the month and year of submission.

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4. There must be an abstract, the length of which is normally 1 page.

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