Faculty of Environment

**Standard *vs* Alternative Format thesis**

Comparison of a typical\* standard versus AF format thesis consisting of 3\*\* significant pieces of research.

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| **Standard format (approximate length)** | | **Alternative format** | |
| Abstract | 1 page | Abstract | 1 page |
| Introduction | 5-10 pages | Introduction, literature context, research design and data acquisition. | Max. 15,000 words |
| Literature review | 30-50 pages |
| Methodology | 20-40 pages |
| Results chapter 1 | 30-50 pages (supporting material normally integrated into relevant chapters) | Manuscript 1 | Length as accepted  (Supporting material must be presented in appendixes) |
| Results chapter 2 | 30-50 pages | Manuscript 2 | Length as submitted / accepted |
| Results chapter 3 | 30-50 pages | Manuscript 3 | Length as to be submitted / accepted |
| Synthesis / Summary of findings | 5-15 pages | discussion and conclusions | Max. 10,000 words |
| Conclusions & Future work | 3-5 pages |
| ***MAX length*** | **300 pages** | ***MAX length*** | **300 pages** |

**\*n.b. no thesis is actually typical, this is not a template. Exact structure to be discussed with supervisors prior to submission.**

**\*\*number of results chapters will vary by project in standard format, but AF must contain a minimum of 3 publications.**