



Term Paper Outline Example

Title Page

- Paper title
- Student name
- Course name
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- University or school name
- Submission date

I. Introduction

Purpose: Introduce the topic and present the main argument.

- Background information about the topic
- Brief explanation of the problem or issue
- Importance of the topic
- Research question
- Thesis statement

II. Literature Review



Purpose: Show what previous research says about the topic.

2.1 Overview of Existing Research

- General discussion of the topic
- Key ideas from earlier studies

2.2 Major Studies and Findings

- Summary of important research papers
- Different viewpoints in the literature

2.3 Research Gap

- What previous research did not address
- Why the current study is needed

III. Research Methodology

Purpose: Explain how the research was conducted.

3.1 Research Design

- Type of study (qualitative or quantitative)

3.2 Data Collection

- Sources used in the research
- Surveys, interviews, experiments, or document analysis



3.3 Data Analysis

- Methods used to analyze the data
- Tools or techniques used

IV. Results

Purpose: Present the findings of the research.

4.1 Presentation of Data

- Main results of the study
- Tables, graphs, or charts

4.2 Key Findings

- Explanation of the results
- Important patterns in the data

V. Discussion

Purpose: Interpret the results.

- Connection between findings and research question
- Comparison with previous studies
- Explanation of unexpected results
- Limitations of the research



VI. Conclusion

Purpose: Summarize the study.

- Restatement of thesis
- Summary of key findings
- Importance of the research
- Suggestions for future research

VII. References

- List of all sources cited in the paper
- Formatted according to citation style (APA, MLA, Chicago)

VIII. Appendix (optional)

- Additional materials
- Data tables
- Survey questions
- Extra charts or documents