

A SUGGESTED FORMAT FOR CHAPTER 1 OF THE DISSERTATION*

Introduction/Background

A general overview of the area or issue from which the problem will be drawn and which the study will investigate

Statement of the Problem

A clearly and concisely detailed explanation of the problem being studied, ie, "While evidence of this relationship have been established in the private schools in Kansas, no such relationship has been investigated within the public schools of Missouri."

Conceptual Framework for the Study

The theoretical base from which the topic has evolved. This information is the material that undergirds and provides basic support for the study.

Purpose of the Study

What the study will investigate. There should be one or two paragraphs to introduce the research questions and hypotheses.

Research Questions

Listed as 1. . . . 2. . . . 3. n.

Definition of Terms

The terms in this section should be terms directly related to the research that will be used by you throughout the study.

Procedures

A brief description of the procedures and methodology used to accomplish the study

Significance of the Study

Its importance to practice, to the discipline or to the field

Limitations of the Study

Limitations to the study over which the researcher has no control.

Organization of the Study

How the study and chapters will be organized

*Headings may vary somewhat depending on the nature of the study