

The Structure of Your Final Paper

I wrote on many of your midterm paper that you need to structure your essay. What I meant by this is as follows:

You need to divide your essay into sections. This is how it should look like

1. Introduction

You briefly present your main topic that you will discuss in your paper. Then you formulate a hypothesis that you try to prove in your essay or maybe the outcome will be that your original hypothesis was false. It will depend on testing your original hypothesis in the analytical part of your paper.

2. Literature review

You should discuss what other analysts had written about your main topic before you started your analysis. In the literature review you must refer to the author's name and the year when her/his paper or book was published. The same holds for resources what you have found on the Internet. An example: Krugman (2018) refers to Paul Krugman's piece that must be also included in the final part of your paper that will be titled as **References**. If you used a net source, you must give the link and the date, as well. Example: www.wbi2018.org published in 2019.

3. Analytical methods

This section consists of two important parts. If you are using specific terminology, you must define the terms, expressions what will be in your essay. Example: you use the term "populism", then you need to give a definition of it.

The other important part is about your analytical methods. If you analyze data, you always need to give the source of your data—as a reference—and the method you are using in your analysis. It is better to put your data in a table, because it will be more visible and comprehensible. In case you are using more sophisticated analytical methods—like regression analysis or correlation analysis—you must give the variables that you include in your analysis and the specific method that you will be using. Example: I shall use an infinite Logit model for my analysis. If you rely on so-called "qualitative" analysis, you must specify where did you find your information and how does this information relate to your main topic?

4. Analytical section

Here you discuss your main topic and try to validate your original assumption (hypothesis) or maybe the outcome will be that you need to deny it. In both cases you must include an explanation for the relationship of your outcome to different factors that could have an impact—stronger or weaker, and this is also important to clarify—on the outcome.

5. Conclusion

In this section, you need to summarize your main findings and make it comprehensible to readers who are not experts of your research field.

6. References

You need to include all the literature—books, papers, webpages, etc.—that you used and referred to in your essay.

When you include data tables or charts in your essay, you must give the source of your data or chart below each item.