

Table 2. Some Dimensions of the Different Components of the Generic Dissertation

The following dimensions emerged from the analysis of the results of the study described in this article.

<p>Component 1: Introduction The introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes a problem statement • Makes clear the research question to be addressed • Describes the motivation for the study • Describes the context in which the question arises • Summarizes the dissertation's findings • Discusses the importance of the findings • Provides a roadmap for readers <p>Component 2: Literature Review The review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is comprehensive and up to date • Shows a command of the literature • Contextualizes the problem • Includes a discussion of the literature that is selective, synthetic, analytical, and thematic <p>Component 3: Theory The theory that is applied or developed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is appropriate • Is logically interpreted • Is well understood • Aligns with the question at hand <p>In addition, the author shows comprehension of the theory's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengths • Limitations 	<p>Component 4: Methods The methods applied or developed are</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appropriate • Described in detail • In alignment with the question addressed and the theory used <p>In addition, the author demonstrates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of the methods' advantages and disadvantages • How to use the methods <p>Component 5: Results or Analysis The analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is appropriate • Aligns with the question and hypotheses raised • Shows sophistication • Is iterative <p>In addition, the amount and quality of data or information is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient • Well presented • Intelligently interpreted <p>The author also cogently expresses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The insights gained from the study • The study's limitations <p>Component 6: Discussion or Conclusion The conclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summarizes the findings • Provides perspective on them • Refers back to the introduction • Ties everything together • Discusses the study's strengths and weaknesses • Discusses implications and applications for the discipline • Discusses future directions for research
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