Academic Language and Literacy for Mathematics Dissertations

# Session 2: MSc Dissertation Structure and Line of Argument Planning template

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| **Title:**    |
| **Section 1: Introduction** Background information:     Objective (research question):   Outline:     |
| **Section 2: Heading**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Add main themes and any subsections)       |
| **Section 3: Heading**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Add main themes and any subsections)        |
| **Section 4: Heading**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Add main themes and any subsections)       |
| **Section 4: Conclusion** Objective restated:   Limitations:   Future directions:    |

**Checklist:**

**Introduction:**

Have you included a brief background to the research?

Have you defined key terms?

Have you stated your objective clearly?

Have you included an outline of each section that follows?

**Main body sections:**

Does each section build on what comes before?

Have you included background information to models/ data?

Does each section elate to your research objective?

**Conclusion:**

Have you restated your objective?

Have you presented the main findings from your research?

Have you outlined any limitations?

Have you suggested future research?