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# Abstract

This skeleton demonstrates how to use the `infthesis` style for MSc dissertations in the School of Informatics. It also emphasises the page limit and associated style restrictions for Informatics dissertations with course code `INFR11077`. If your degree has a different project course code, then it is likely to have different formatting rules. The file `skeleton.tex` generates this document and should be used as a starting point for your thesis. Replace this abstract text with a concise summary of your report.

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The participants' information sheet and a consent form are included in the appendix.

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# Acknowledgements

Any acknowledgements go here.

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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

The preliminary material of your report should contain:

- The title page.
- An abstract page.
- Declaration of ethics and own work.
- Optionally an acknowledgements page.
- The table of contents.

As in this example `skeleton.tex`, the above material should be included between:

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This style file uses roman numeral page numbers for the preliminary material.

The main content of the dissertation, starting with the first chapter, starts with page 1.

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## 1.1 Using Sections

Divide your chapters into sub-parts as appropriate.

## 1.2 Citations

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# **Chapter 2**

## **Your next chapter**

A dissertation usually contains several chapters.

# Chapter 3

## Conclusions

### 3.1 Final Reminder

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# **Appendix A**

## **First appendix**

### **A.1 First section**

Any appendices, including any required ethics information, should be included after the references.

Markers do not have to consider appendices. Make sure that your contributions are made clear in the main body of the dissertation (within the page limit).

# **Appendix B**

## **Participants' information sheet**

If you had human participants, include key information that they were given in an appendix, and point to it from the ethics declaration.

# **Appendix C**

## **Participants' consent form**

If you had human participants, include information about how consent was gathered in an appendix, and point to it from the ethics declaration.