

DISSERTATION VS THESIS: COMPARISON CHART

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THESIS and DISSERTATION?
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LENGTH

Length is the most obvious factor in differentiating between writing a thesis paper versus dissertation. A thesis may be from 50-100 pages while a dissertation can be up to 400 pages.



TIME REQUIRED

A dissertation has extra coursework, research requirements, and professional activities. A dissertation can take 4-7 years while a master's thesis will be at the end of a 2-year program.

DEGREE

A thesis is at the end of a Master's degree program. A dissertation is a capstone for a PhD doctoral degree.



RESEARCH

A thesis and dissertation both require research. A thesis dives deep into the literature to look for research insights. A dissertation provides novel research findings.

COST & TUITION

A master's degree is shorter so does not usually receive assistance. A PhD program, depending on the subject, will often receive yearly stipends to support your research.

