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PREFACE

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# HEADING 1 AND INFORMATION ON HOW TO FORMAT YOUR MAJOR HEADINGS

Use this template only if you want your 1) chapters and subheadings automatically numbered and / or 2) table and figure captions to include the number of the chapter in which they appear. This template relies on a multilevel list to generate automatic numbering, and it can be difficult to navigate if you are new to using Microsoft Word to format large documents.

Heading 1 is the style you should use for the following headings in your thesis: List of Tables, List of Figures (List of Abbreviations, Schemes, and so on), chapter titles, references, and appendix titles. If you are writing in APA style, note that headings formatted as Heading 1 do not count as an APA heading.

To assign this heading level, type the heading text (fully capitalized), highlight it, and click on Heading 1 in the ribbon at the top of the page. **NOTE:** Because headings are set up using a multilevel list, the word ‘chapter’ and number are built into the heading. This means you only need to include the chapter title’s descriptive text, not the word ‘Chapter’ or the number of the chapter. Once you highlight your chapter’s descriptive title and click on Heading 1, the chapter number will appear.

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## Heading 2: Use for Your Broadest Subheading Level, Centered, Bold, Title Case

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If you want to change the appearance of Heading 2, do so in the Styles ribbon at the top of the page (right click on Heading 2, and go to Modify). That way, all of your headings will be uniform.

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## Troubleshooting Heading / Subheading Numbering

One of the greatest benefits of using a template with a multilevel list is that it allows Microsoft Word to track the numbering system that organizes your content (no need for manual corrections!). Following is information on how to solve common problems with automatic numbering.

### If My Numbering Won’t Show Up

If you are having trouble getting the heading numbering system to appear, make sure your Heading 1 Style is set. The numbering system for subheadings is built based on this first number, and so if that is not set, there’s no information for Word to pull from.

### If My Numbering System Is out of Order

Word should automatically update the numbering system, should you make additions or delete content. For example, if you add a new subheading before your current subheading 1.2, Word should automatically update the numbering system to reflect the new subheading (1.2 becomes 1.3, for example). If Word doesn’t automatically update subheading numbering, though, there is an easy fix.

1. Use Ctrl + A to select the text of the thesis.
2. Then, right click (or select F9) and select Update Field.
3. Finally, click through all of the updates Word provides. Doing so should reset the numbering system to account for all labeled headings.

## Information on Tables

The caption style that determines the appearance of table and figure captions has been set to automatically include the chapter number in which each table and figure appears. If your captions aren’t including the chapter number, or if the numbering begins at 0, check to make sure the Heading 1 has been set for the chapter in which you table or figure appears.

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## Information on Figures

Figure 1.1. To generate a caption, go to References in the ribbon at the top of the page, and select Insert Caption.



Figure 1.2. Choose Figure, and enter your text.



Figure 1.3. Go to the List of Figures page, and then click Insert Table of Figures in the ribbon at the top of the page. Your list should appear.



# REVIEWING HOW STYLES WORK AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This template has a numbering system built into its Styles. This means you don’t need to number your chapter headings or subsequent subheadings: Word will do this for you. When beginning a chapter, for example, simply enter the chapter’s descriptive title (fully capitalized), highlight the text, and then set it as a Heading 1 by clicking on Heading 1 in the Styles ribbon at the top of the page. This Style setting is important because it determines the numbering for subsequent subheadings and for table and figure captions.

## You Only Need Text: Word Will Handle the Numbering

Remember, each heading Style (Heading 1, Heading 2, Heading 3, and so on) has its numbering system built in, and so you don’t need to add numbers to your headings.

## Updating if the Numbers Fall out of Order

If the numbering system doesn’t automatically update to account for additions or deletions, use Crtl + A to select all of the text in the thesis. Then, right click anywhere in the document (or select F9), and go to Update field. Word will then work through updating the fields in the thesis (Table of Contents, Lists, Headings, and so on).

## Styles and the Navigation Pane

The Navigation Pane can be a really useful tool for navigating long documents. Because you’ve formatted your thesis using Styles, Word will use those Styles to generate an outline of you work that allows you to navigate the content easily. To see the Navigation Pane, go to View in the ribbon at the top of the page. Then check the box beside the Navigation Pane option, in Show. A clickable outline of your work will appear on the left side of the screen.

# SOME TIPS FOR DOCUMENT NAVIGATION

Following are just a few guidelines for making your thesis easier for the reader to navigate.

## Including a Linked Table of Contents, List of Tables, and List of Figures

If you have assigned styles in your thesis and used those styles to generate your Table of Contents, your Table of Contents will be hyperlinked. This means the reader can click on any entry in your Table of Contents and automatically move to its location within the thesis. This can save the reader significant time.

Likewise, if you have captioned your tables and figures using Word’s captioning function, your List of Tables / List of Figures will also be linked. If your reader wants to view a specific table, for example, they can click on its entry in the List of Tables and go directly to it without having to scroll to find it.

\*NOTE: If you are unsure about how to assign styles within your thesis, please reach out to Erin Kaufman (erin-kaufman@uiowa.edu) to schedule an appointment.

## Bookmarking Your Thesis

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## Adding Metadata to Your Thesis

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# REFERENCES

The References heading is formatted as a Heading 1. Because the References section should not be numbered as a chapter, the “Chapter x” preceding the heading text has been deleted.

In this section, make sure each entry is formatted consistently, using the same indentation and spacing throughout.

# APPENDIX

The Appendix (A, B, and so on) heading is formatted as a Heading 1. Note that if you include only one Appendix, you do not need to assign it a letter. Because the Appendix section should not be numbered as a chapter, the “Chapter x” preceding the heading text has been deleted.

If you have tables and figures in your appendices, please keep in mind that their captions must include the letter of the appendix in which they appear (Table A.1 in Appendix A, Table B.1 in Appendix B, and so on). To do so, you will need to generate your captions using a caption label that includes the letter (Table A, for example, instead of Table). Please contact Erin Kaufman (erin-kaufman@uiowa.edu) if you have questions about this or need help.