

# **Guidelines for Writing Ph. D Synopsis**

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- I. Cover Page (title and student name)
- II. Table of Contents Table of Cases (if case laws are added)

**Structure of Project Report** (follow the given structure by creating the mentioned sections)

## **1. Introduction**

- Introduction (state brief background and introduce the subject in few pages; it should not be directly lifted from the original source. Make your arguments and adopt an analytical introduction to place the problem under investigation in a perspective)

**Review of Literature:** (about 3 to 5 pages or as may be suitable-) It's a survey of juristic writings on the chosen topic. Consult the literature articles, books, reports, cases, monographs, data bases) on the broad theme to highlight:

- General development in the field [Ascending order in terms of year of publications]
- Noteworthy contribution in the field expressed through various writings
- Connect and place your proposed subject of study in literature review to highlight its relevance

## **2. Present Study**

### **A. Statement of the Problem:**

Clearly state the problem to be undertaken. Make a clear statement highlighting the exact coverage and purview of the problem under investigation. Make a mention of those issues, which would be actually investigated in the report.

**B. Conceptual Framework:** There may be concepts, propositions and doctrines in the proposed study, which need to be defined for the purpose of the study in hand. Make operational definitions of all such usages.

**D. Methodology:** ( To be applied as per research design- doctrinal or non-doctrinal)

- a. **Objectives:** State categorically the measurable objectives (preferably not more than five) of the research to be undertaken.
- b. **Hypothesis/ Research questions:** Make crisp statements ( e.g. one each for all objectives) entailing not more than two variables describing the presumed relationship or influence on each other.
- c. **Sample:** Mostly applicable in non-doctrinal studies. Mention the sampling method used. Alternatively, choose appropriate method for doctrinal study.
- d. **Data Collection:** All kinds of research ( doctrinal or non-doctrinal)require some kind of data- make a mention of sources and nature of data to be collected and utilized in the report. It may include:

- i) **Primary Data collection** (only in case of Non-doctrinal/empirical study)

*If the study involves data collection from the respondents, following is the scheme:*

- Universe of the study ( state the source/estimated number of total population of units)
- Sampling design( method of sampling to extract the required number of sample)
- Tools - the ways to collect the required data like interview schedule, questionnaire, participant observation, case study)
- Techniques ( any scale, measurement etc)
- Statistical consideration/ software applications

- ii) **Secondary Data collection** (Mostly in case of Doctrinal study)

- Mention of Secondary sources used - library resources/reports consulted/internet resources used
- Case studies
- Case laws/judgments
- Content analysis/document analysis/Meta analysis

**3. Data Analysis / Discussion:** Section to mainly include the data analysis & interpretation planning by the researcher.

**4. Chapter Scheme**

**5. References:** Follow the standard referencing and citation (**Follow the ‘Blue Book’**)