

# Thesis Writing

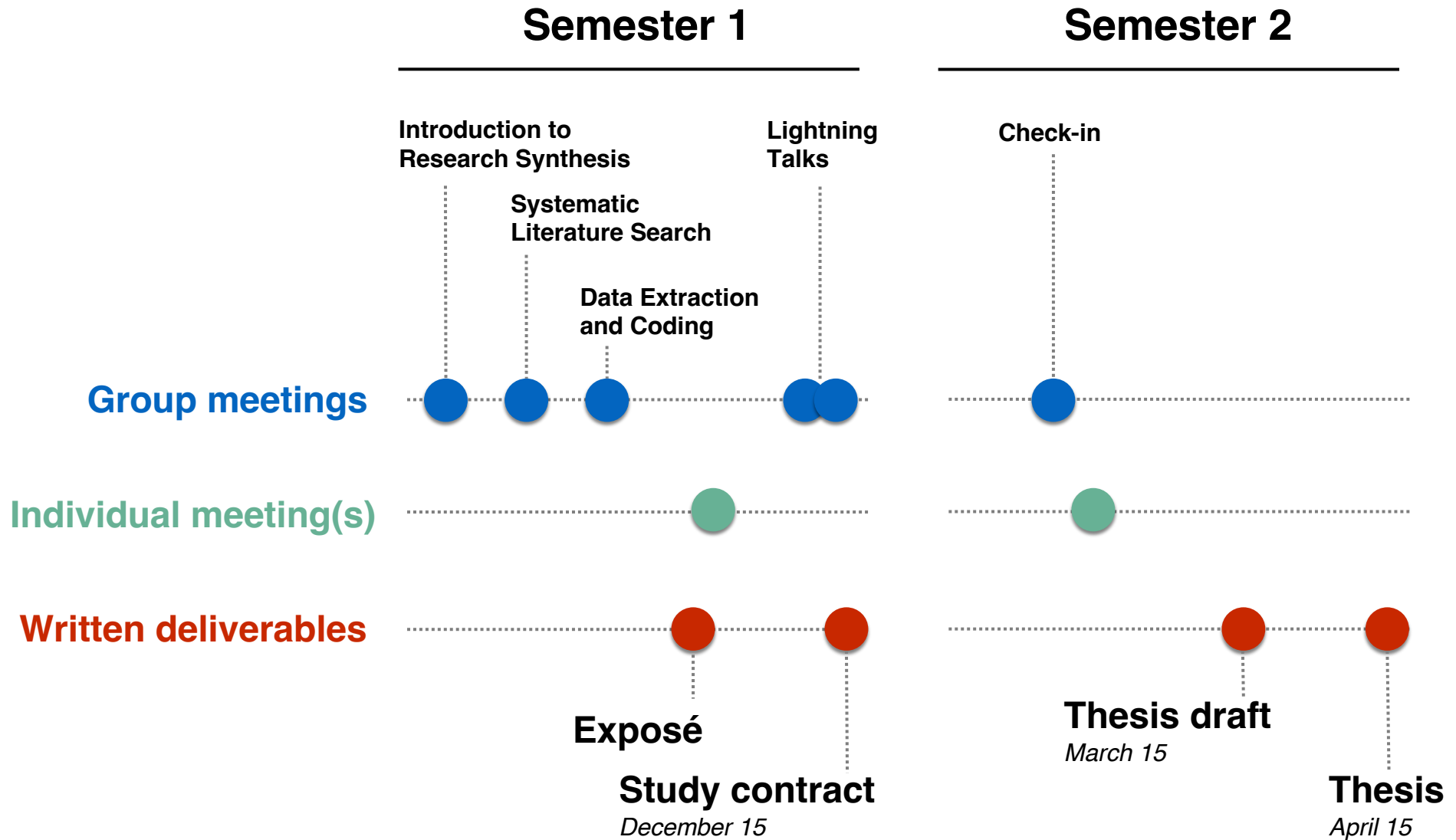
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# Agenda

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# Timeline



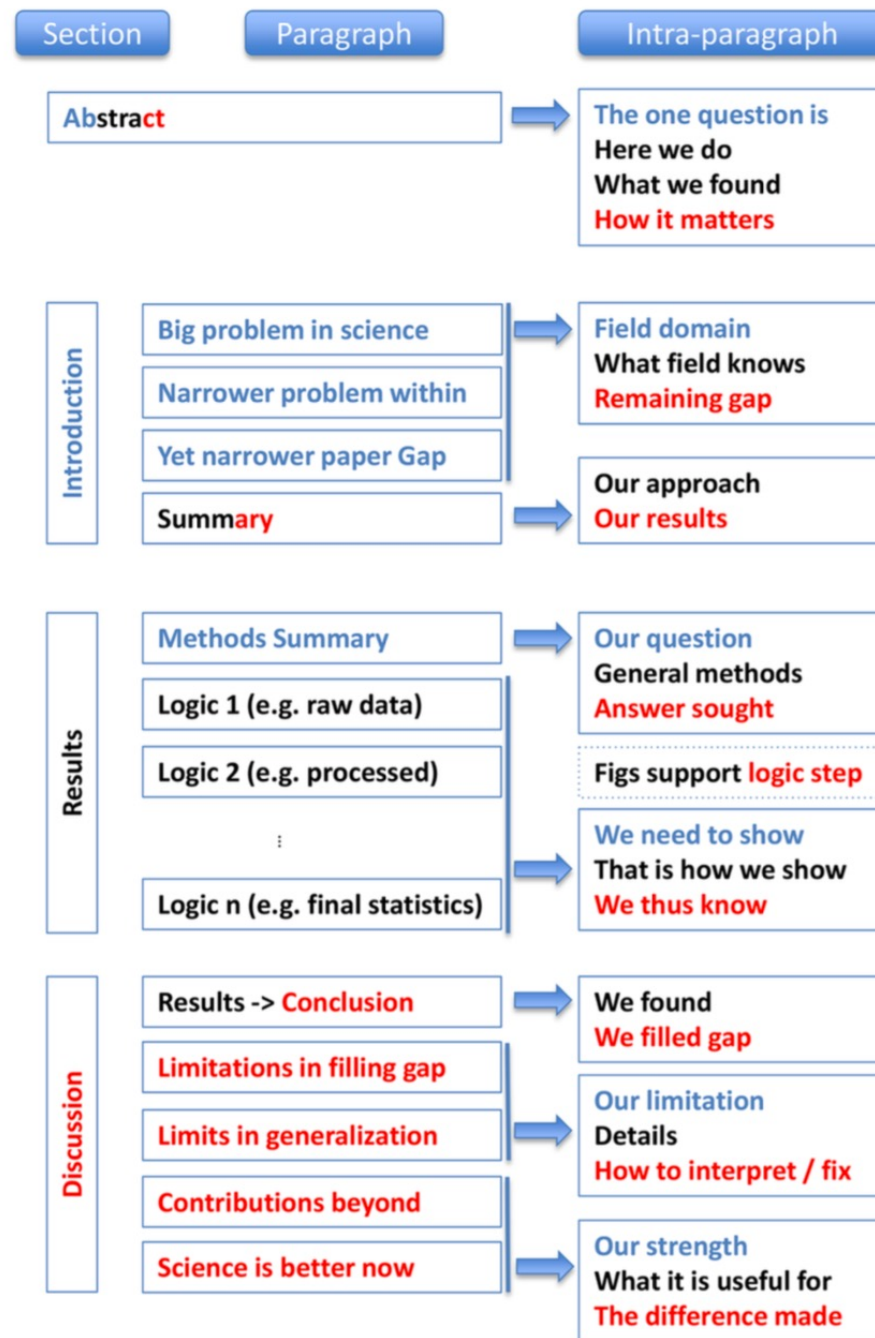
# Templates & Components

 <p><b>Bachelorarbeit</b> zur Erlangung des akademischen Grades Bachelor of Science in Psychologie der Fakultät für Psychologie der Universität Basel</p> <p><b>Titel</b></p> <p>Verfasserin/Verfasser: (Vorname Name)          Matrikelnummer: (xx-xxx-xxx)          KorrespondenzE-Mail: (xxx@stud.unibas.ch)</p> <p>Quachter:in: (Titel Vorname Nachname)          Professor in der Fakultät für Psychologie: (Titel Vorname Nachname)</p> <p>Abteilung, in der diese Arbeit verfasst wurde</p> <p>Abgabedatum:</p>	<p><b>Inhaltsverzeichnis</b></p> <p>Titel ..... 1</p> <p>Zusammenfassung und Schlagwörter ..... 2</p> <p>Einleitung ..... 3</p> <p>Methoden ..... 4</p> <p>Untertitel 1 ..... 5</p> <p>Untertitel 2 ..... 6</p> <p>Epikritische ..... 8</p> <p>Untertitel 3 ..... 9</p> <p>Untertitel 4 ..... 10</p> <p>Diskussion ..... 11</p> <p>Untertitel 5 ..... 12</p> <p>Untertitel 6 ..... 13</p> <p>Literatur ..... 14</p> <p>Tabellen ..... 15</p> <p>Abbildungen ..... 16</p> <p>Anhang ..... 17</p>	<p><b>Dankagung (optional)</b></p> <p>Commodo quaeque ex usu, ut duo ubique ibique, sea id constituto incidenti delicatissimi. Et labialis intellet and. Et et facilis explicat, in meli quando veram latere. Capere deseruisse eae no, facer voreae comprehensam in duo, ut meli brute invenire. Eu sint vda pri, vel scaevola accostae id, brisla repodere ea his.</p> <p>Eu kus quot melinun, nobis fabulas quaerendum ne usu. Amet zril altatum sed in, eum solum glocular ne. At nam solum movet, id lovent legimus ornantur usu, solum omnique et pro. Teston adhibere pro in, cum eporeae legendis in, his habemus urberitas in. Sea altera viguata reppique an, uba theophrastus an qui, et pro platonem appellatur. Ne isque fastidi quoque has, eu sed eum inferentiss.</p> <p>Cu nulla placerat est, eu postulant argumentum pro, eu ceteros verterem voluptatibus his. Gubergem horroreitas an nos, ac qui senectus scribitur, in nobis gressu et. Mei e erat peritacta, amet erpuit laoreet et te. Commodo abibus in meli, amet potest et ut.</p> <p><b>Erklärung zur wissenschaftlichen Redlichkeit</b></p> <p>Hiermit bestätige ich, (Vorname Name), dass ich mit dem <a href="#">Diplomarbeit zur Intelligenz und zum Fachwissen in der Wissenschaft an der Universität Basel vom 3. Mai 2018</a> und den <a href="#">Leitlinien zur Vermeidung von Plagiaten der Fakultät für Psychologie</a> vertraut bin und diese gewissenhaft befolgt habe. Zudem bestätige ich, dass diese Bachelorarbeit auf Plagiat überprüft wurde und kein Plagiat enthält.</p> <p>Datum und Unterschrift</p>
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# Our tips & tricks...

1. Divide and conquer (make outlines)
2. Write short, clear sentences
3. Help the reader by being predictable (be formulaic, use the same structure across paragraphs, enumerate)
4. Write around key tables and figures
5. Don't assume that Zotero references are automatically correct
6. Use ChatGPT as a critical reviewer not a co-author



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**Table 1. A summary of the ten rules and how to tell if they are being violated.**

<b>Rule</b>	<b>Sign it is violated</b>
1: Focus on one big idea	Readers cannot give 1-sentence summary.
2: Write for naive humans	Readers do not “get” the paper.
3: Use context, content, conclusion structure	Readers ask why something matters or what it means.
4: Optimize logical flow	Readers stumble on a small section of the text.
5: Abstract: Compact summary of paper	Readers cannot give the “elevator pitch” of your work after reading it.
6: Introduction: Why the paper matters	Readers show little interest in the paper.
7: Results: Why the conclusion is justified	Readers do not agree with your conclusion.
8: Discussion: Preempt criticism, give future impact	Readers are left with unanswered criticisms and/or questions on their mind.
9: Allocate time wisely	Readers struggle to understand your central contribution despite your having worked hard.
10: Iterate the story	The paper’s contribution is rejected by test readers, editors, or reviewers.

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