# Example Dissertation/Report Outline

## Introduction

General Specific

1. Set the scene
2. Aspects/main points of previous studies
3. Rationale of research project
4. Research questions
5. Outline of research project

## Literature review/section

A critical approach to the relevant literature review in order to justify the research project

## Methodology

1. Research methodology (why?)
2. Research design (how?)
3. Sample
4. Access
5. Ethical considerations

## In this chapter address:

### Reliability

* If an evaluation were carried out at a different time or by different people, would the same results be obtained?
* ‘The extent to which a test, method or a toll gives results across a range of settings, and if used by a range of researchers’ (Hammersley, 2000: 200)
* ‘The extent to which a test or procedures produces similar results under constant conditions on all occasions’ (Bell, 1999: 103)

### Validity

* Do the techniques used to assess something really measure what they purport to?
* ‘Refers to the degree to which a method, a test or a research toll actually measures what it is supposed to measure’ ( Wellington, 2000: 201)

### Generalisation

* Are the findings of the research project trustworthy?

### Results

What have I found? You simply report what you have found, so when you write this section/chapter, always have this question in your mind: did I report what I have found?

### Analysis

Why have I found this? When you are analysing your results, have this question in your mind.

## Conclusions

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1. Summary of the key findings
2. Relate to the literature
3. Limitations
4. Recommendations
5. Further research