Thesis

A **thesis** (plural: **theses**) is a **comprehensive research document** that a student submits to fulfill the requirements for an academic degree, typically at the **master's or doctoral** level. It presents original research, analysis, and findings on a specific subject.

Key Characteristics of a Thesis: - **Original Research** – Investigates a specific topic in depth. - **Academic Contribution** – Adds new knowledge or perspectives to a field. - **Structured Format** – Usually includes an **introduction, literature review, methodology, results, discussion, and conclusion**. - **Supervised Work** – Developed under the guidance of an academic advisor.

Types of Theses: 1. **Master's Thesis** – Required for a master's degree; demonstrates the ability to conduct independent research. 2. **Doctoral Dissertation** – A more extensive research work required for a **Ph.D.**, often involving significant original contributions to the field. 3. **Undergraduate Thesis** – In some universities, undergraduate students may write a thesis to complete their degree.

Differences Between a Thesis and a Dissertation: - In **some countries (e.g., the U.S.)**, a **thesis** refers to a master's research work, while a **dissertation** is for a doctoral degree. - In **others (e.g., Europe)**, the terms may be used interchangeably, or "thesis" is used for both master's and Ph.D. levels.