**Structure and content of the Master`s thesis**

**Page 1: Title page**

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**Page 2: Content**

**Page 3: Abstract and keywords**

**Introduction (about 10% of the text)**

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| a. Research problem;  b. Aim of the study;  c. Research question and / or hypothesis/hypotheses;  d. Relevance and novelty of the study, possible implication of the expected results  *Important: the introduction should give a complete and logical idea of the study. Readers of the introduction should understand why and how the author is going to conduct the study.* |

**Chapter 1: Theoretical Chapter (about 60% of the text)**

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| *A theoretical chapter should include several logically related paragraphs. The structure and content of the chapter depends on the research topic, research questions/ hypotheses. Below are the basic requirements for writing a theoretical chapter:*   1. Paragraphs should be logically related to each other; 2. The list of sources should be sufficient in terms of the number of sources and their relevance to the study; 3. All basic concepts used in the study should be defined; 4. The results of previous studies should be analyzed; 5. The chapter should contain full rationale for the hypotheses 6. The last paragraph of the chapter can be "Present study", which provides justification for hypotheses (depends on the logic of the chapter). |

**Chapter 2: Method (3-5 pages) (about 30% of the text)**

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| 1. Sample description. Justification of the sample size. 2. The procedure of the study 3. Design of the study; 4. Variables and their operationalization; 5. Research measures\* (the sources of the measures used, as well as data on their validity and reliability should be indicated); 6. Reasoning of all statistical procedures.   *Important: The sequence of the parts (b-f) may vary depending on the design of the study.*  Please try to use appropriate software (e.g. G\*Power: http://www.gpower.hhu.de/) for the calculation of sample sizes. This is especially relevant for the experimental studies, and surveys with group comparison. It is not necessary only in the case where there are no previews studies which you can take the effect sizes from. |

**Chapter 3: results of the study (about 25% of the text)**

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| *In this Chapter, the results of the study are described but not interpreted:*   1. Descriptive statistics 2. The main results of the study (tables, graphs) |

**Chapter 4: discussion of the results of the study (about 20% of the text)**

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| *This chapter provides an interpretation of the results of the study, their relationship to previous studies, as well as indications of areas requiring additional research. Approximate plan of the chapter:*   1. The problem and aim of the study is summarized 2. For each of hypotheses, the main results are presented, as well as their relationship with previous studies and interpretation. If the results do not agree with the results of earlier studies, the chapter should contain a detailed explanation of the reasons that could lead to the existing results. 3. Interpretation of discovered results that were not expected by the researcher. 4. Optional: study limitations 5. Conclusion and proposal of future research directions. |

**Sources (minimum 40 sources with references in the text)**

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