

Basic Thesis and Dissertation Differences

The main difference between a **thesis** and a **dissertation** is when they are completed.

The **thesis** is a project that marks **the end of a master's program**, while **the dissertation** occurs during **doctoral study**. The two are actually quite different in their purpose, as well.

A thesis is a compilation of research that proves you are knowledgeable about the information learned throughout your graduate program.

A dissertation is your opportunity during a doctorate program to contribute new knowledge, theories or practices to your field. The point is to come up with an entirely new concept, develop it and defend its worth.

the thesis is to show your ability to think critically about a topic and to knowledgeably discuss the information in-depth. while

in **the dissertation**, you utilize others' research merely as guidance in coming up with and proving your own unique hypothesis, theory or concept.

A **master's thesis** should be at least **100 pages** in length, likely a bit beyond that. However, a **doctoral dissertation should be much longer**, because they involve a great deal of background and research information, along with every detail of your proposal and how you arrived at the information. **A dissertation is an extremely complex work.**

An **essay** is a shorter piece of writing than a research paper or thesis. In most cases, your assignment will include clear guidelines on the number of words or pages you are expected to write. Often this will be a range rather than an exact number (for example, 2500–3000 words, or 10–12 pages).

In the literary sense, a composition (from the Latin "to put together") is the way a writer assembles words and sentences to create a coherent and meaningful work. Composition can also mean the activity of writing, the nature of the subject of a piece of writing, the piece of writing itself, and the name of a college course assigned to a student. This essay focuses on practicing how people write.