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Abstract

The abstract should not exceed 500 words for a Master's thesis and 700 words for a Doctoral thesis.

It should include:

- Background of the study
- Problem statement
- Objectives
- Methodology
- Key findings
- Conclusions
- Recommendations

Abbreviations and Acronyms

AI	Artificial Intelligence
ANOVA	Analysis of Variance
BPS	Board of Postgraduate Studies
CI	Confidence Interval
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
KyU	Kirinyaga University
SPSS	Statistical Package for the Social Sciences

List of Symbols and Notations

- ◆ Level of significance
- ◆ Regression coefficient
- ◆ Population mean
- ◆ Population standard deviation
- Σ Covariance matrix
- ◆² Chi-square statistic
- ◆ Eigenvalue
- ◆ Parameter

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CHAPTER ONE

Introduction

This chapter introduces the study by presenting the background information, statement of the problem, purpose of the study, objectives, hypotheses (where applicable), significance of the study, scope, limitations, assumptions and operational definition of terms.

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1.1 Background to the Study

1.2 Statement of the Problem

1.3 Purpose of the Study

1.4 Objectives of the Study

1.4.1 General Objective

1.4.2 Specific Objectives

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1.5 Research Questions

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1.7 Justification of the Study

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1.9 Scope of the Study

1.10 Limitations of the Study

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CHAPTER TWO

Literature Review

2.1 Introduction

Brief introduction to the chapter.

2.2 Theoretical Literature

2.3 Empirical Literature

2.3.1 Studies in Kenya

2.3.2 Studies outside Kenya

2.4 Knowledge Gap

Clearly indicate the gap this study intends to fill.

2.5 Theoretical Framework

Insert theory and explain its relevance.

2.6 Conceptual Framework

Insert conceptual framework figure.

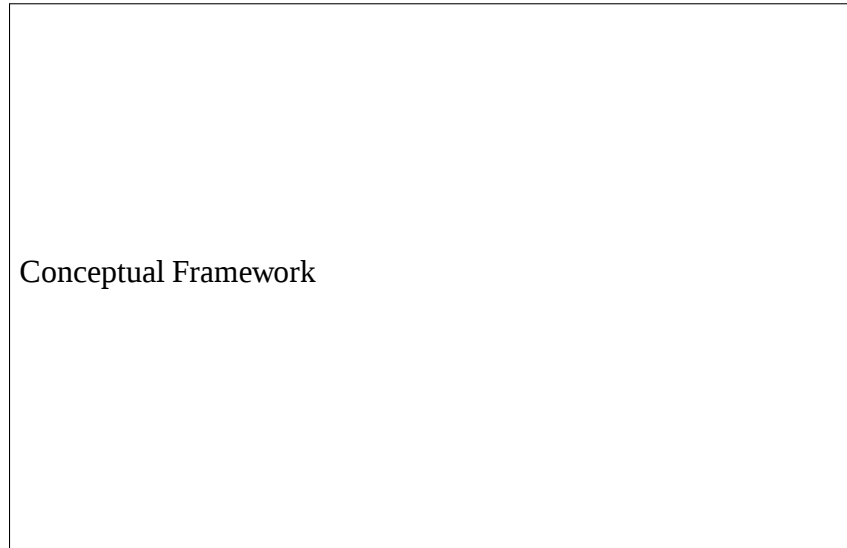


Figure 2.1: Conceptual Framework

CHAPTER THREE

Research Methodology

3.1 Introduction

3.2 Research Philosophy

(Optional depending on discipline.)

3.3 Research Design

3.4 Study Area

3.5 Target Population

3.6 Sample Size

3.7 Sampling Procedure

3.8 Research Instruments

3.9 Pilot Study

3.10 Validity of Research Instruments

3.11 Reliability of Research Instruments

3.12 Data Collection Procedures

3.13 Ethical Considerations

3.14 Data Analysis

CHAPTER FOUR

Results and Discussion

4.1 Introduction

4.2 Response Rate

4.3 Demographic Characteristics

4.4 Descriptive Statistics

4.5 Inferential Statistics

4.6 Testing of Hypotheses

(Where applicable.)

4.7 Discussion of Findings

Compare findings with previous studies.

CHAPTER FIVE

Summary, Conclusions and Recommendations

5.1 Introduction

5.2 Summary

Summarize findings according to each objective.

5.3 Conclusions

Draw conclusions based on findings.

5.4 Recommendations

Recommendations arising from the findings.

5.5 Recommendations for Further Research

Suggest areas for future studies.

APPENDIX A

Research Instruments

Questionnaire

APPENDIX B

Research Permit

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Ethical Approval

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Published Papers

(Optional for PhD)

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(Optional)

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(Optional)

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Additional Statistical Output

(Optional)