

## **DOCTORAL COLLEGE**

## Postgraduate

# **Basic Standards for Drafting a Thesis**

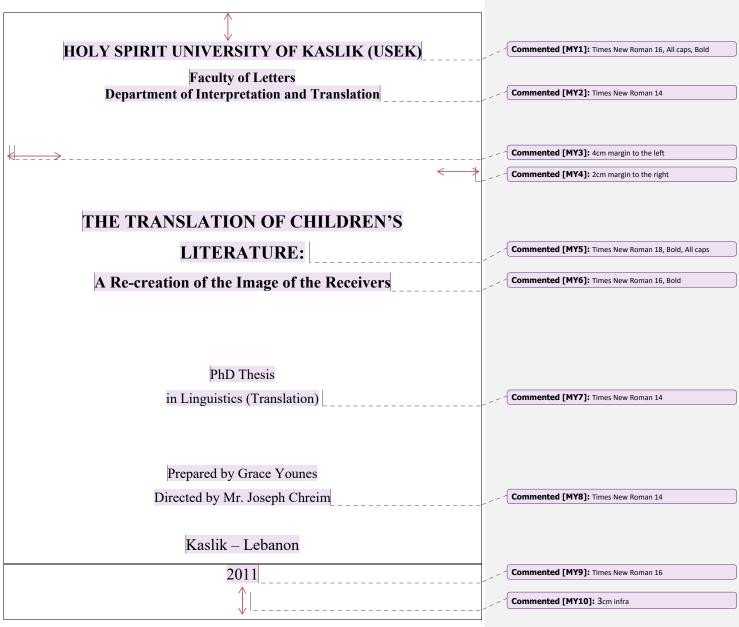
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## **Scientific and Technical Data**

#### 1. The first cover should include the following:

- Holy Spirit University of Kaslik (USEK)
- Faculty / Institute of...
- Department of...
- Title of thesis
- Document type and degree
- Name and surname of the doctoral student
- Name and surname of the director of research
- Place and year of publication

#### **Example of the first cover:**



#### 2. Format and Layout:

The adopted format is a thesis of 220 to 250 pages (leather-bound navy blue with silver writings on the front cover), submitted for reading, using the following criteria

- Font: Times New Roman (Traditional Arabic for text drafted in Arabic);
- Font size: 12 (16 for Arabic texts);
- Line spacing: 2 (1.15 for Arabic texts);
- Quotations inserted in the syntax, enclosed with quotation marks, with complete references according to the APA Style;
- Footnotes in font size 10 (12 for Arabic texts);
- 2000 characters per page; footnotes inclusive (24 lines per page);
- 2cm margin to the right, 4cm to the left and 3cm in supra and infra.

#### 3. The content should be displayed as follows:

- A cover page;
- Solemn Declaration;
- A title page replicating the cover page;
- A one thesis page abstract, accompanied by keywords (maximum fifteen), in both
  French and English language (or Arabic and English), which best characterize the
  research work, in order to facilitate thematic indexation in the Library;
- A page for acknowledgements (if applicable);
- A page for introductory quotation; (An author quote, for instance)
- A table of contents;
- The presentation of the research should be structured as follows: an introduction detailing the corpus, the topic, the issue, the assumptions, the approaches, the methodology and the study plan; the body of the research divided into parts (linked with appropriate part conclusions) and the parts divided into chapters of progressive and inductive types. There should also be a conclusion added to the research work,

which validates assumptions, responds to the issue and opens possible future issues, instigated by the type of research;

- One or many appendices, if applicable;
- One notional appendicle, if applicable;
- A glossary, if applicable;
- Bibliographic and sitographic references (each consulted and included website should be accompanied by a date) duly categorized.

## 4. Referencing mode:

All USEK theses shall be submitted according to *APA Reference Style* format and referencing mode.