MANGALORE UNIVERSITY
Department of Economics
MA Economics

EC553 PROJECT

> **Leaning Objectives and outcome**

- Project work (replacing a paper) is to train students in basic research skills.

- By doing project work students are expected to acquire skills of social science research, and prepare a dissertation on a topic with a guidance of a supervisor.

DISSERTATION FORMAT

General Guidelines

1. Selection of a Topic
2. Pilot Survey, if needed
3. Significance of the Study
4. Review of Literature
5. Research Gap (Optional)
6. Conceptual Framework – Conceptualization & Operationalization (precise and specific meaning of the terms and concepts)
7. Theoretical framework (Optional)
8. Formulation of Research Questions /Issues
9. Research objectives
10. Hypotheses (Optional)
11. Coverage (Universe/ Sample & period of study)
12. Data source (Primary/Secondary)
13. Tools of analysis (Analytical Framework)
14. Social Relevance of the study
15. Limitations of the study
16. Chapter outlines
17. Introductory chapter
18. Result Chapter(s)

19. Conclusion Chapter

20. Appendices

21. Bibliography /References & Webliography

Structure of the Report

1.1 Title page/ Cover Page
a. Title page

b. Title of the project

c. Name of the candidate

d. Name and designation of the supervisor.

e. Degree for which project is submitted.

f. Name of the College

g. Month and year the project is presented

h. Declaration of the student &supervisor

1.2 Preface

1.3 Table of contents

a. List of Tables

b. List of Figures

c. Glossary

d. List of abbreviations

e. Acknowledgment

1.4 Abstract/ Executive Summary (One page)

1.4. The Main Text

a. Introductory Chapter: Items 3 to 16 mentioned above

b. Other Chapters **-** Analysis, Results Interpretation

c. Conclusion Chapter: Conclusions, Recommendations & Summary

1.5 End Notes (after each Chapter)

1.6 Bibliography or References (at the end of the thesis)

1.7 Appendices
a. Questionnaire

b. Interview Schedule

c. Observation Schedule (optional)

d. Coding Frame (optional)

e. Letters sent to sample members (optional)

f. Any Other

Length of the Project

1. Report length minimum of100 pages excluding Appendix and Certificates

2. Alignment : Justify

3. Font :Times New roman

4. Font size : 12

5. Line spacing : 1.5

6. No Page Border