

Guidelines for Submitting a Statement of Purpose to the General University Committee for Research Students

1. Scope of Statement of Purposes: 5-6 printed pages, according to the accepted rules of scientific writing in the discipline, including bibliography.
2. Name of the doctoral dissertation (in Hebrew/English): even if the name undergoes a slight change prior to submission of the detailed proposal, already in the stage of the statement of purposes the name of the doctoral dissertation needs to indicate the purpose of the research and, as much as possible, also its innovative aspect.
3. Purpose of the research.
4. Theoretical background (establishing the proposed research on relevant bodies of knowledge).
5. Research questions.
6. Methodology:
 - a. Tools and methods: ways of collecting data (subjects/participants), methods for analyzing the data.
 - b. Justification of the methodology chosen while relating to the research question and the theoretical background.
7. Importance and novelty of the research.
8. Initial bibliography.
9. If performing the research requires access to sensitive material (medical files, police material, etc.), it should be stated how the material shall be obtained, approval of access to the data and its publication.
10. If there is more than one supervisor – the areas of responsibility should be delineated for each of the supervisors
11. Ethics in research: every researcher at the university that conducts research with the participation of human subjects is required to submit the research proposal for examination by the ethics committee. Therefore, the types of ethical issues arising from the research should be stated, as well as ways to deal with them.

Similarly, it should be stated which committees, other than the ethics committee of the relevant faculty, the student has applied to for the purpose of obtaining ethics approval (Helsinki Committee, Office of the Chief Scientist).