

Dissertation Concept Paper

These are sections I like to see in the dissertation concept paper. It can be from 3-7 pages.

Introduction: Why are you motivated to do this study? What is the specific phenomenon you want to do more about? What do you specifically want to know about?

Conceptual Focus: Specify a piece of research, area of research or specific aspect of a theory that your research springs from.

Research Question: doable, understandable, answerable, answers the questions who, what and how?

Research Methodology: Name it and give a reference

Participants: Number, criteria or selecting participants, setting for research

Data sources: Interviews, field journals, surveys, etc.