

# LENGTH OF PHD THESES

Some thoughts for students concerned about length.

# So how long is a PhD thesis?

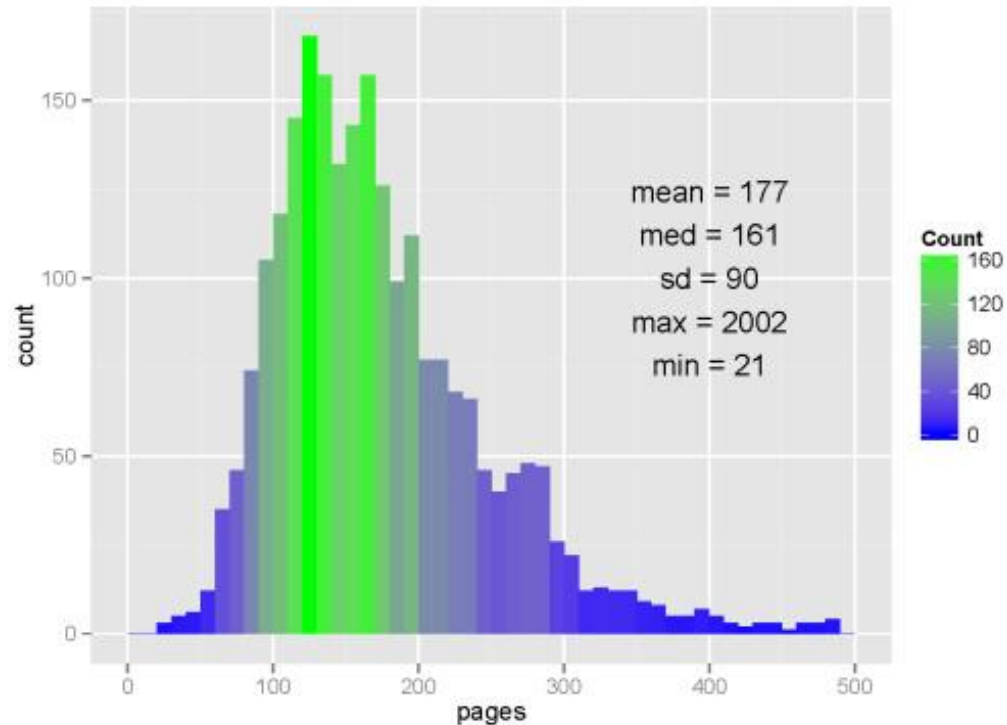


In some cases a maximum of about 50% of the text are in appendices.

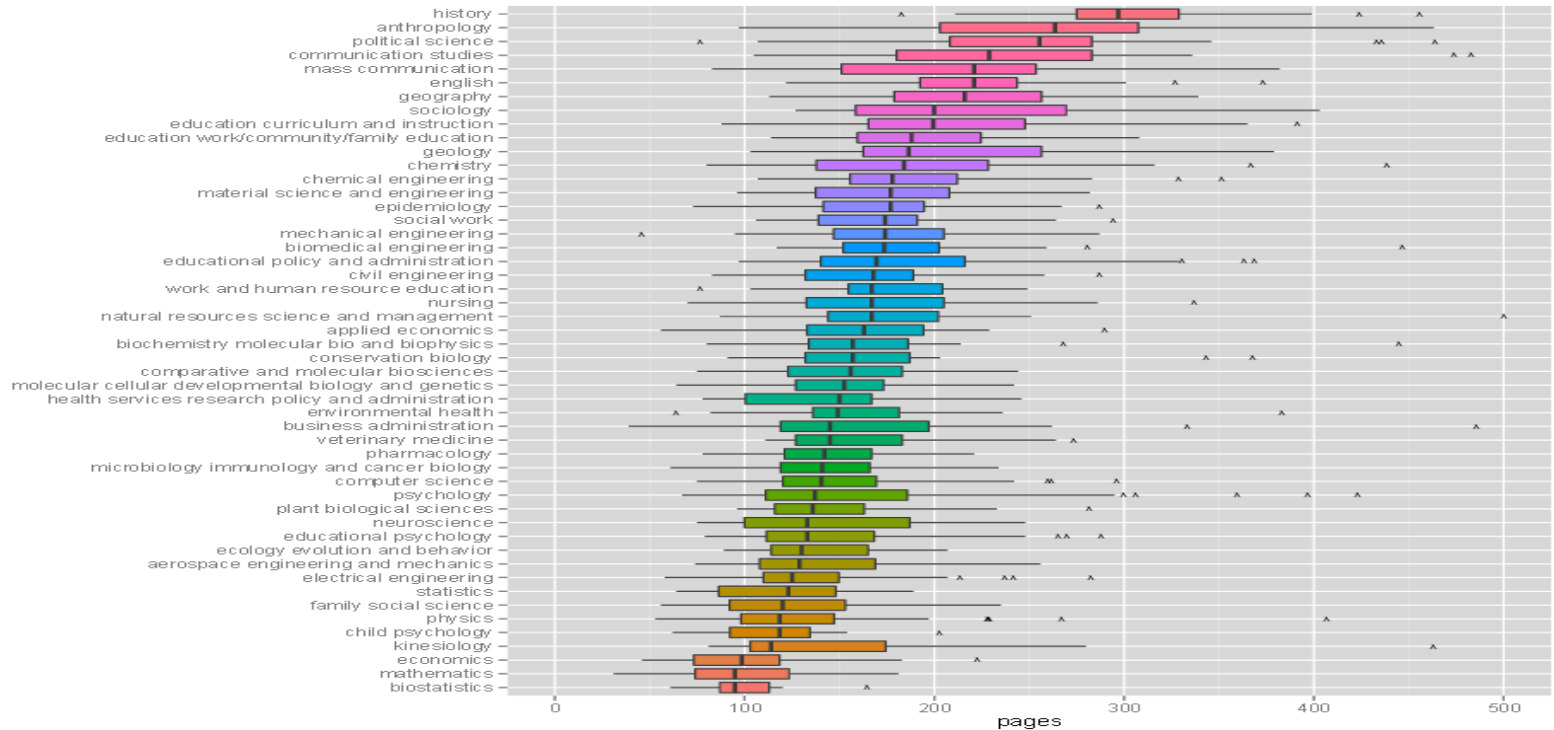
There are a lot of white space and text is double spaced or one-and-a-half spaced. So actual text you write on your own is not so much.

# Digital conservancy at Minnesota

University of Minnesota maintains many theses submitted from 2007. These are the statistics.



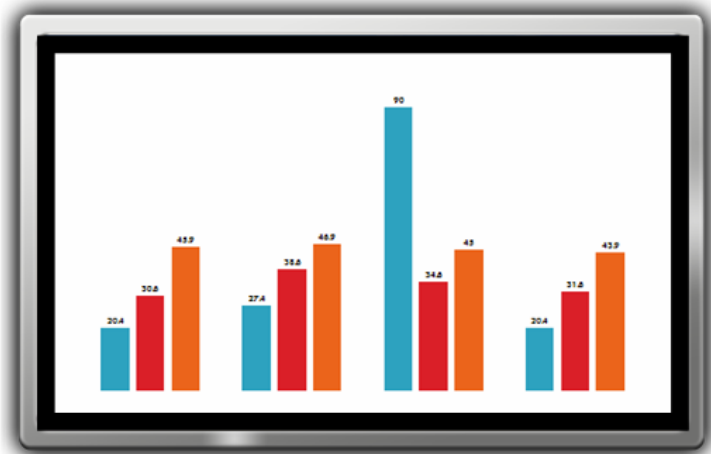
# Length and discipline



# Length of some theses of Maldivians

Name	Total length	Without appendices	References
Mohamed Nazeer	281 (1.5 spaced)	267	387
Ali Fawaz Shareef	267 (double spaced)	251	131
Ahmed Ali Maniku	408 (1.5 spaced)	337	401
Ahmed Ali Didi	407 (1.5 spaced)	313	239
Shazla Mohamed	215 (1.5 spaced)	169	268
Mizna Mohamed	260 (1.5 spaced)	240	241
Hassan Hameed	303 (1.5 spaced)	220	236
Naashia Mohamed	327 (1.5 spaced)	297	236

# What did you gather?



- ❑ Most theses fall within Minnesota guidelines. The length of education theses ought to be about 150 to 200 pages one-and-a-half spaced. There is a requirement in MNU that doctorate theses must be **less than** 80,000 words (about 350 pages at 250 words/page).
- ❑ About 200 references are usually present. This means you have to read much more... Theses contain only what is useful and what is most relevant. The author would have read through more than 300 articles.
- ❑ Studying for a doctorate is usually called reading for a doctorate. Now you know why.
- ❑ Nothing in the area must be left unread... you have to become an expert in the chosen area... a world authority.

# Widescreen Test Pattern (16:9)

