6.5.5 Preparation of Dissertation

We intentionally leave room for individual variation when producing a project dissertation but there are, however, a number of conventions which you should follow:

1. The format of the title page of the dissertation should be as follows (spaced out with blank lines as appropriate):

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   Faculty of Physical Sciences and Engineering

   Electronics and Computer Science

   <title>

   by

   <name>

   <date of completion>

   Supervisor: <Supervisor>
   Second Examiner: <Second Examiner>

   A dissertation submitted in partial fulfilment of the degree of

   MSc <degree title>

2. The front cover should be followed by the following pages: i) the title page (again), ii) an abstract giving a summary of the dissertation not exceeding six hundred words, iii) acknowledgements (as appropriate), and iv) a list of contents including all
chapters, appendices and bibliography. You may also include v) a list of illustrations, figure by figure. Each listed item should have a reference number.

3 Students should ensure that they have discussed the format and structure of their thesis with their supervisor.

4 The body of the dissertation must not exceed 15,000 words. The entire dissertation (including the front pages, appendices, and bibliography) should not normally exceed 50 pages.

5 Students who feel they require further guidance are advised to look at dissertations produced by students who have previously completed the programme.