

# Master's Thesis Tips and Guidelines

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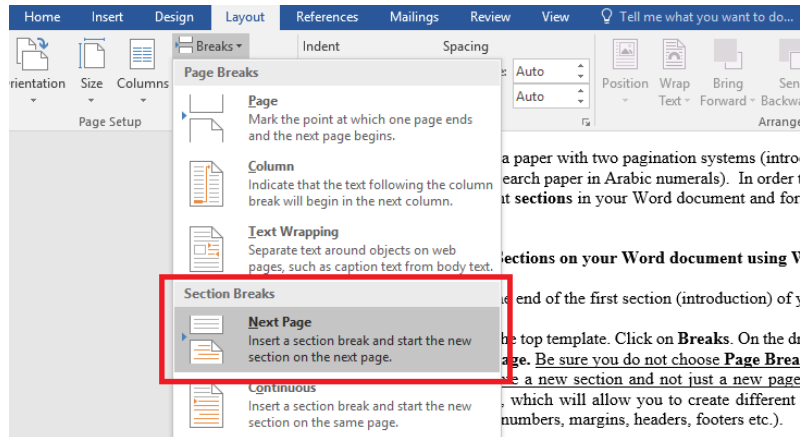
## Tips on pagination

Often students need to present a paper with two pagination systems (introductory pages in Roman numerals and the rest of the research paper in Arabic numerals). In order to have clean numbering you need to create two different **sections** in your Word document and format page numbering for each one:

### Step 1. Create two separate Sections on your Word document using Word:

1.1 Position your cursor at the end of the first section (introduction) of your document.

- 1.2 Select the **Layout** tab on the top template. Click on **Breaks**. On the drop down menu go down to **Section Breaks: Next Page**. Be sure you do not choose **Page Breaks** but **Section Breaks - Next Page** in order to create a new section and not just a new page. You have created two sections in your document, which will allow you to create different formatting elements for each section (such as page numbers, margins, headers, footers etc.).



## Step 2. Format Page Numbering

- 2.1. Go to the **Insert** menu, click on **Page Number**. Follow the drop down menu and select **Bottom Page**. A small window will open where you can select the position of your number on the page (select **Plain Number 2** for bottom of the page centered position).
- 2.2. Select the **Insert** menu again, click on **Page Number**, in the drop down menu select the **Format Page Numbers**. For the first section of your thesis select the Roman numerals (i, ii, iii, ...) in the new small window. Choose **Start at ii** (or other) Word will start giving sequential and consecutive numbers to your pages.
- 2.3 For your **second section**: double click on the page number (in the footer) of your first page of section two (first page after the introduction). Go to the **Insert** menu and click again on **Page Number** and go down to **Format Page Numbers**. Select the Format of your new numbering system (in this case Arabic numerals), making sure that you also click on **Start at: 1** and that the case **Continue from previous section is unchecked**. Word will automatically start giving sequential and consecutive Arabic numerals to your pages until the end of your document.

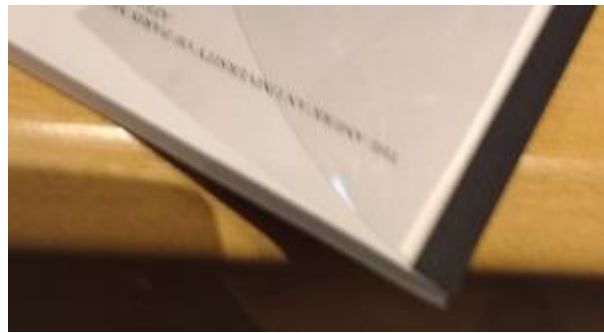
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