UWM MS Kinesiology
Required Proposal/Suggested Thesis Format (Qualitative)

I. Chapter 1: Introduction
   A. Background to the problem/question
   B. Statement of purpose/goals
   C. Study “design” and data sources…. Type of naturalistic inquiry and why
   D. Scope/delimitations of the study
   E. Assumptions of the study
   F. Limitations of the study (including author statement/personal history related to topic)
   G. Significance of the study
      1. Practical
      2. Scientific
      3. Integrative
   H. Testing of theoretical position
   I. Replication of past work and extension

II. Chapter 2: Review of Literature
   A. Introduction
      1. Restatement of problem/purpose
      2. What will be reviewed and why
      3. Brief statement as to organization of chapter
   B. Review of Literature
      1. Sections
         Introduce section, including organization of section
         Sub-sections
         Summary of section
   C. Overall summary of chapter

III. Chapter 3: Methods
   Restatement of problem/purpose
   B. Study “design” and researcher role
      Data sources
      Setting
      How selected
      How entry obtained
      How long and regularly involved in setting
      Participants
      Demographics
      How/why participants selected
      Data collection
      Method(s)
      Procedures
      Researcher as “instrument” (or, could come above in I.F)
      Interpretation and analytic strategies

      Trustworthiness (accuracy)
      Credibility
      Dependability
      Confirmability
      Transferability

IV. Chapter IV: Results and Discussion

V. Chapter V: Summary, Conclusions, Implications for Future Study and Application