Recent evidence suggests that …
Several attempts have been made to …
A number of researchers have reported …
Xs were reported in the first models of Y (e.g., Smith, 1977; Smith, & Patel, 1977).
What we know about X is largely based upon empirical studies that investigate how …
Studies of X show the importance of …

[연구에서의 이슈를 설명할 때 (Highlighting a problem in the field of study)]
However, these rapid changes are having a serious effect …
However, a major problem with this kind of application is …
Lack of X has existed as a health problem for many years.
Despite its safety and efficacy, X suffers from several major drawbacks:
However, research has consistently shown that first year students have not attained an adequate understanding of …There is increasing concern that some Xs are being disadvantaged …
Despite its long clinical success, X has a number of problems in use.
Questions have been raised about the safety of prolonged use of …

[연구분야에 대한 이슈 설명 (Highlighting a controversy in the field of study)]
To date there has been little agreement on what …
More recently, literature has emerged that offers contradictory findings about …
One observer has already drawn attention to the paradox in …
In many Xs a debate is taking place between Ys and Zs concerning …
The controversy about scientific evidence for X has raged unabated for over a century.
Debate continues about the best strategies for the management of …
This concept has recently been challenged by … studies demonstrating …

Highlighting a knowledge gap in the field of study:
So far, however, there has been little discussion about …
Little is known about X and it is not clear what factors …
However, far too little attention has been paid to …
In addition, no research has been found that surveyed …
So far this method has only been applied to …
This indicates a need to understand the various perceptions of poverty that exist among …

However, the evidence for this relationship is inconclusive …
What is not yet clear is the impact of X on …
The neurobiological basis of this X is poorly understood.
However, much uncertainty still exists about the relation between …
Until recently, there has been no reliable evidence that …

However, there have been no controlled studies which compare differences in …
Several studies have produced estimates of X (Smith, 2002; Jones, 2003), but there is still insufficient data for …
No previous study has investigated X
Although extensive research has been carried out on …, no single study exists which …
This study was designed to test the hypothesis that...

The central question in this dissertation asks how...

One purpose of this study was to assess the extent to which these factors...

The objective of this research project has therefore been to try and establish...

The main purpose of this project is to develop software that is compatible with X operating system.

This definition is close to that of Smith (2009) who defined X as...

The term X is a relatively new name for...

Half of the studies evaluated failed to specify whether...

However, much of the research up to now has been descriptive in nature...

Although extensive research has been carried out on X, no single study exists which adequately covers...

However, these results were based upon data from over 30 years ago and it is unclear if these differences still persist.

X's analysis does not take account of ... nor does he examine ...

The main reason for this dissertation is to develop an understanding of...

The overall structure of the study takes the form of six chapters, including this introductory chapter.

My thesis is composed of four themed chapters.

Chapter Two begins by laying out the theoretical dimensions of the research...

The third chapter is concerned with the methodology used for this study.

The fourth section presents the findings of the research, focusing on the three key themes that have been identified in analysis.

Chapter 6 analyses the results of interviews and focus group discussions undertaken during the course of this research, ...

The final chapter draws upon the entire thesis, tying up the various theoretical and empirical strands in order to ...

Finally, the conclusion gives a brief summary and critique of the findings, ... and includes a discussion of the implication of the findings to future research into this area.

... Finally, areas for further research are identified.

The main question is whether ...

Another question is whether ...

Due to practical constraints, this paper cannot provide a comprehensive review of ...

It is beyond the scope of this study to examine the ...

The reader should bear in mind that the study is based on ...

Another potential problem is that the scope of my thesis may be too broad.

A full discussion of X lies beyond the scope of this study.

The approach to empirical research adopted for this study was one of a qualitative, semi-structured interview methodology.

By employing qualitative modes of enquiry, I attempt to illuminate the ...

This work takes the form of a case-study of the ...

Both qualitative and quantitative methods were used in this investigation.

Qualitative and quantitative research designs were adopted to provide descriptive, interpretive and empirical data.

The research data in this thesis is drawn from four main sources: ...

The study was conducted in the form of a survey, with data being gathered via ...

Five works will be examined, all of which ...

This case study seeks to examine the changing nature of...

This dissertation seeks to explain the development of...

This thesis will examine the way in which the ...

This research examines the emerging role of X in the context of...

This dissertation attempts to...

Drawing upon two stands of research into X, this study attempts to ...

The aim of this project is to develop software that is compatible with X operating system.

The main purpose of this project is to develop software that is compatible with X operating system.

The main purpose of this study is to develop an understanding of...

There are two primary aims of this study: 1. To investigate ... 2. To ascertain ...

The aim of this research project has therefore been to try and establish what ...

The aim of this study is to investigate the differences between ....

The main aim of this investigation is to assess the doses and risks associated with ...

This thesis intends to determine the extent to which ... and whether ...

This thesis will examine the way in which the ...

This research examines the emerging role of X in the context of ...

This dissertation seeks to explain the development of ...

This case study seeks to examine the changing nature of ....

Drawing upon two stands of research into X, this study attempts to ...

The aim of this study is to shine new light on these debates through an examination of ...

The major objective of this study was to investigate ....

One purpose of this study was to assess the extent to which these factors were ...

The objectives of this research are to determine ...

This study therefore set out to assess the effect of management by ..., and the effect of ...

This study systematically reviews the data for..., aiming to provide clarity surrounding the role of ....

The central question in this dissertation asks how ...

In particular, this dissertation will examine six main research questions: The hypothesis that will be tested is that ...

The key research question of this study was thus whether or not ...

This study aimed to address the following research questions: