**Basic Thesis and Dissertation Differences**

The main difference between a **thesis** and **a dissertation** is when they are completed.

 The **thesis** is a project that marks **the end of a master's program**, while **the dissertation** occurs during **doctoral study**. The two are actually quite different in their purpose, as well.

 A thesis is a compilation of research that proves you are knowledgeable about the information learn throughout your graduate program.

 A dissertation is your opportunity during a doctorate program to contribute new knowledge, theories or practices to your field. The point is to come up with an entirely new concept, develop it and defend its worth.

 **the thesis is to show your ability to think critically about a topic and to knowledgeably discuss the information in-depth**. while

in **the dissertation**, you utilize others' research merely as guidance in coming up with and proving your own unique hypothesis, theory or concept.

 A **master's thesis** should be at least **100 pages** in length, likely a bit beyond that. However, a **doctoral dissertation should be much longer**, because they involve a great deal of background and research information, along with every detail of your proposal and how you arrived at the information. **A dissertation is an extremely complex work**.

An **essay** is a shorter piece of writing than a research paper or thesis. In most cases, your assignment will include clear guidelines on the number of words or pages you are expected to write. Often this will be a range rather than an exact number (for example, 2500–3000 words, or 10–12 pages.

In the literary sense, a composition (from the Latin "to put together") is the way a writer assembles words and sentences to create a coherent and meaningful work. Composition can also mean the activity of writing, the nature of the subject of a piece of writing, the piece of writing itself, and the name of a college course assigned to a student. This essay focuses on practicing how people write.