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Comment: This is a very basic, standard table of contents for a Bio thesis (which this was used for). It's important to note that this paper was used for my Biological Sciences Honors. This is ATYPICAL research for bio honors, but there are many traits of this thesis that can be taken away, both in terms of formatting and style.

The writing style of this paper, especially the results of the "survey data" and the "contraceptive use and preference," was more data intensive, as needed for bio, than if I were to have written this for solely my field (public/global health). I think this is a good lesson in terms of audience and the ability of you to present information (whether qualitative or quantitative) to find common ground.

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Comment: This Table of Contents uses roman numerals, as this was the format suggested to us for Bio Honors Thesis. Other styles can work just as well.

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Comment: Subtitles:

This was more of a personal choice. In a lot of cases it is good to have sub parts as they do give good direction as well as flow to your writing. The sections I wanted to emphasize (like my methodologies) I wanted to have more parts, because the thesis was much more procedural, and it was important that my abilities to perform and execute the work shine through.

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Comment: Because I had a questionnaire section that was more easily quantifiable, I had to split it into at least two sections (the quantitative—survey data/questionnaire results and the qualitative—the in-depth interviews. I added "Contraceptive Use and Preference" specifically as this paper focused on this topic.

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Comment: Especially if you are doing interviews on human subjects, you should have appendices showing the questions you asked just as reference. Sometimes how you phrase a certain question can influence the way the results skew, and readers that sense bias can look in these areas for better clarification.