### Basic IMRAD Structure

1. Introduction
2. Materials and Methods
3. Results
4. Discussion

### Elaborated IMRAD Structure: Professional Paper

1. Abstract
2. Title
3. Introduction
4. Materials and Methods
5. Results
6. Discussion
7. Conclusion
8. Acknowledgements
9. References
10. Appendices

- **Abstract** follows title: especially important for joint projects.
- **Introduction** can be included in the proposal.
- **Results** and **Discussion** are sometimes combined.
- **Conclusion** follows **Discussion**.

### IMRAD-based Proposal Structure

1. Abstract
2. Title
3. Introduction
4. Materials and Methods
5. Timeline, Budget
6. Cooperation and Regulatory Approval
7. References
8. Appendices

- Varies greatly with different proposal requirements. Read all guidelines carefully.
- **In geology**, a “Geologic Setting” section may be part of the introduction or may follow it.
- **Discussion** & **Conclusion** are sometimes combined.