



The Assignment:

UV9920V1 - Reviewing the Literature: Situating your Study in the Field

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Task

Develop a paper in which you locate your project/study in a specific field of research, review previous research in the field to identify possible gaps, and define your own specific research space.

Purpose

To gain experience in situating your own study and conducting a literature review within a defined field of research.

Assessment criteria

Your paper should include the following components:

1. **An introduction section** briefly introducing the research topic, purpose of the study, main problem statement and rationale, analytic/theoretical framework, and type of review conducted. (*max 400 words*)
2. **A methodology section** accounting for the review strategies including search sources, methods, and selection approaches (exclusion and inclusion criteria which form the basis for selecting studies/contributions). (*max 600 words*)
3. **A review section** identifying trends, major debates, theoretical approaches, and methodologies. (*1500-2500 words*)
4. **A summary section** analyzing and synthesizing the major debates, locating and possibly evaluating gaps in the field and selected studies, and stating explicitly your contribution. (*max. 600 words*)

Formal requirements

3000 - 5000 words, +/- 10% in addition to the front page, reference list and appendices.

Please use Times New Roman font, size 12, with 1½ line spacing. Please insert page numbers and headlines. Please provide in-text citation and references in accordance with APA 6th (or 7th) edition.

1st Draft – Due to 3rd of June. Feedback from course leaders and participants.

2nd Draft – Due to 15th of August. Assessment categories: Grades are awarded on a pass/fail scale.