

REVIEW PAPER FORMAT AND GUIDELINES

NOTE:

The paper should be written in 12 point Arial or Times New Roman, 6 -8 pages and double spaced.

A. Format

1. Title Page (see handout for APA Citation Style)

2. Review

a. Introduction

i. Background

ii. Thesis Statement

b. Body of the Paper

i. Summary of the key points along with examples.

ii. Critical review (show critical thinking: see rubrics)

c. Conclusion

i. restate your thesis statement

ii. provide some judgement about your topic

iii. provide concluding statement

3. References

a. APA Citation Style (see handout)

b. minimum of 5 references

General Guidelines

1. Choose a topic that you can understand fully.
2. Research your topic.
3. Evaluate and synthesize information from a number of sources to come up with a new way of looking the field.
4. Understand thoroughly what you have read.
5. Develop a thesis statement.
6. Write your paper.
7. Review and revise if necessary.
8. Cite sources.

Developing a Thesis Statement

1. Why am I writing this down?
2. What is especially interesting about this particular information?
3. What puzzles me about what I have read?
4. Can I see any relationship between this information and what I have already read, written, or learned?
5. What assumptions do the authors make, and does each assumption seem reasonable and well supported?

CHECKLIST FOR REVIEW PAPERS

- ☐ **The title is informative.**
- ☐ **The opening paragraph indicates the specific direction that the paper will take, and it leads to a clear thesis statement that will drive the rest of the paper.**
- ☐ **All statements of fact and opinion are supposed by references or example.**
- ☐ **Research papers and other references are discussed in relation to one another, rather in isolation.**
- ☐ **How particular results support particular hypotheses or lead to specific questions is indicated.**
- ☐ **No new information is presented in the final paragraph.**

References

Pechenik. J.A. 2013. A Short Guide to Writing about Biology. Pearson Education Inc., New Jersey, USA.
Kwantlen Polytechnic University APA Citation Style Handout.

EVALUATION RUBRIC FOR REVIEW PAPER**PSYC 102****A. Thesis Statement (10%)**

- *Effective presentation of research question(s) and purpose of essay, including a comprehensive thesis statement.*

B. Content and Knowledge (30%)

- *Accurate and in depth description, synthesis, and citation of research results from appropriate and relevant peer-reviewed research articles.*
- *Student has a strong understanding of material presented and has elaborated and enriched content.*

C. Critical Thinking (20%)

- *Critical analyses of conflicting and converging research results.*
- *Insightful discussion of limitations and future directions for the research.*
- *Student includes original thoughts and ideas.*

D. Organization (20%)

- *Ideas grouped into paragraphs and well thought out sections, with a logical connection and progression of ideas between sections.*
- *Ideas presented in a clear, concise and convincing manner.*
- *All material relates to the thesis statement.*

E. Writing Style and Structure (20%)

- *Engaging writing that generates audience interest.*
- *Rich variations in sentence structure and vocabulary.*
- *Text is free of grammatical and spelling errors.*
- *Review paper includes a cover page and an accurate list of references.*