

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 supported 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

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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.*