

Literature Review Revision Checklist

Introduction

- Does the introduction clearly state the purpose and scope of the literature review?
- Is there a logical progression from the general context to the specific focus of the review?
- Have you identified the significance of the topic and its relevance to the field of study?
- Are key terms and concepts defined to provide clarity for the reader?
- Does the introduction end with a clear thesis statement or research question?

Structure and Organization

- Is the literature review organized logically, with themes, concepts, or chronology?
- Are paragraphs and sections well-developed and clearly related to the overall topic?
- Have you included headings and subheadings to guide the reader through different sections?
- Do transitions between paragraphs and sections flow smoothly and logically?

Coverage of Literature

- Have you included a sufficient number of relevant sources to provide a comprehensive overview?
- Is the literature review recent and up-to-date? Are there any gaps in recent research?
- Have you critically evaluated the quality and relevance of each source?
- Have you identified conflicting viewpoints or areas of debate within the literature?
- Have you integrated sources to build a coherent narrative rather than listing summaries?

Critical Analysis

- Have you synthesized and analyzed the literature rather than just summarizing each source?
- Have you identified patterns, themes, or trends across different sources? (relational research)
- Have you evaluated the methodologies used in the studies reviewed?
- Have you discussed strength and weaknesses of different studies or methodologies?
- Have you identified areas where further research is needed?

Writing Style and Language

- Is the writing formal and objective, avoiding colloquial language or personal opinions?
- Are sentences clear, concise, and grammatically correct?
- Have you avoided excessive jargon, ensuring accessibility for readers outside your field?
- Have you used appropriate transitions and linking words to enhance coherence?
- Have you consistently followed the citation style required by your institution or field?

Conclusion

- Does the conclusion summarize the main findings and insights from the literature review?
- Have you emphasized the implications of the reviewed literature for your research?
- Have you suggested possible avenues for future research based on gaps identified?

- Does the conclusion reinforce the significance of the topic within the broader field of study?

Formatting and Presentation

- Have you formatted the literature review according to the guidelines provided (e.g. margins)?
- Is the bibliography or reference list accurate and complete?
- Have you double-checked all citations and references for accuracy?
- Are all figures, tables, and appendices clearly labeled and referenced in the text?
- Have you proofread the entire literature review for spelling, punctuation, and typographical errors?