

RESEARCH PROJECT GUIDELINES

The objective of the research paper is to demonstrate that the student can master the research process. The paper will have a maximum extension of 10 pages double space (font size 12) including references and graphs. The paper must follow the outline suggested. The paper must include at minimum 10 references.

I. Introduction: What your topic is about, research question, hypothesis, the importance, and how the report is being organized. Objectives of your research, etc. (1 pages)

II. Literature review: The relevance of the topic based on your review of the literature and theory. (3 pages)

III. Description of your research strategy: (1 pages)

- The population and time frame of the study
- Research design follow
- Data gathering and strategy

IV. Research findings (Data analysis) (3 pages)

- Communicating your results based on the following: A narrative supported by facts such as:
 - Graphics
 - Frequencies
 - Descriptive statistics
 - Relationships
 - Cross-tabulations

V. Conclusions (1 page)

- How do your findings fit in the broader picture of the subject?
- Did your findings support or reject some hypotheses or approaches that you identified during the literature review?

VI. References (1 page)

- Follow some standard format (APA format)
- Organized in alphabetical order

Rubric

	Novice	Intermediate	Advance
Introduction	6	9	10
Literature review	12	15	20
Research description	6	9	10
Research findings	12	15	20
Conclusions	12	15	20
References	6	8.5	10
Grammar and spelling	6	8.5	10
TOTAL	60	80	100