

Research Across Different Disciplines

Sciences

Social Sciences

Humanities

Literature Reviews

A survey of the available literature on a given or chosen topic. It summarizes, analyzes, and organizes a variety of sources that are relevant for a research project. It should clearly state what has been said about a topic and identify what is missing from current studies.

Types of projects:

- Lab Reports
- Research Papers
- Reports
- Posters

Types of projects:

- Field Notes
- Empirical Research Papers
- Reports
- Posters

Types of projects:

- Analytical papers
- Reviews
- Informative Reports
- Creative Writing

Writing Tips:

1. Be descriptive, but concise by omitting unnecessary details or idioms
2. Do not change a hypothesis, even if the experiment fails
3. Use specific terms from your specialized field of research
4. Make sure the collected data, presented in graphs and figures, is accurate

Writing Tips:

1. Be concise but provide detail when necessary, like for interviews and observations
2. Focus on your subject by not referring to yourself when retelling your observations
3. Follow guidelines for informed consent, when dealing with human subjects it is important to be certified by an Institutional Review Board

Writing Tips:

1. Write in third-person when in a formal and academic forum.
2. Avoid passive verbs
3. Write in present tense when referring to the content of any artistic work. Any work, even ancient ones, continue to exist and be perceived differently.
4. Substantiate your arguments with other scholarly works and theories

Citing Sources

To avoid plagiarism, it is important to cite all of the relevant sources that were consulted during the research process. These citations are formatted according to the style chosen by your professor or conference. Some common citation styles include: MLA, APA, and CMOS. Remember that citation styles, generally, also dictate how to format your entire paper, elements like: margins, footnotes, page number placement, title pages, line spacing, etc.