

Peer Review Modified Rubric

This peer review rubric is used to evaluate progress and quality across each stage of the research proposal process, including research questions, literature review, methods, and final submission.

Proposal Requirements

Section	Narrative	Page Length
Introduction/Review of Literature	This section summarizes what other researchers, and theorists, have learned about the topic of your study. Tie this information together into an overview in your own words rather than simply reporting on each individual study you read. This section also provides the rationale for your study. What is missing from the current knowledge base and how does your study fill this gap?	6-10 pages
Methodology	This section indicates who (participants), what (what you will try), when (how often, how long), where (setting), why (why you chose this approach and not some other approach). It must include a hypothesis.	3-7 pages
References	Include all of the sources referred to in the paper. Make sure you follow APA protocol for each reference.	18-30 sources
Appendices	Include copies of all materials you plan to use in conducting the study.	Varies by Study

The four stage process (research topics, literature review draft, methodology draft, final proposal) was chosen to help you effectively schedule your time and build in feedback and iterative drafts.

Deadlines for each stage are as follows:

- Research Questions: Sunday, September 6
- Lit Review Draft: Sunday, November 1
- Methods Draft: Sunday, November 29
- Final Proposal: Monday, December 14

Stage 1: Research Questions

Choose three potential topics that interest you. Turn each of these topics into the form of a research question. Decide on 1 question you would like to spend the remainder of the semester developing. Submit to me via email your three questions, the question you are choosing, and why you chose that specific question. Refer to the handout on developing a good research question for tips. If you base any of these topics on a paper you have written for another class, submit as well.

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Stage 2 & 3: Lit Review & Methods Draft

See the above table for an overview of what should be included in these. Each draft will be graded on progress. I should be able to see good structure in your organization, flow in tying together concepts, and a strong design. At this point I am less concerned with grammar and perfection. However, please turn in the draft you think is mostly complete. I think a draft is mostly complete if it meets 75% of the page requirements for the final. The purpose of your draft for me is to measure your progress and understanding. The purpose of your draft for you should be to receive detailed feedback for improvement before submitting the final version.

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Stage 4: Final Proposal

Your final draft should include all of the sections in the above table and meet the page requirements for each section. It will be graded on the following criteria: 1) Title Page, 2) Topic & Context, 3) Lit Review, 4) Literature Advancement, 5) Hypothesis, 6) Design, 7) Methodology, 8) References, 9) Scientific Writing Style, and 10) APA Style. Refer to the detailed rubric for specific guidelines.

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