

Guidelines for Literature Review

Please prepare a two-page (or at least 600 word) literature review on a topic that you are considering for your research project. The basic guidelines for the literature review are:

- The title of your lit review should be your research question. *If it does not end in a question mark, it isn't a question!*
- The first paragraph should be a brief description of your question and why it is interesting and important.
- The next 2-3 paragraphs should identify the one existing paper that is most closely related to your question. You should describe it in detail, including data, methods, and results.
- For the remainder of the paper, describe *at least two additional* papers that are related to your question. The description here can be more brief but should round out the picture of what is already known on your topic.
- Include a bibliography and cite articles properly within the text. Use APA style for references and citations. The bibliography is not included in your two pages/600 words.
- If you are looking for guidance, each of the papers we have read in class has some form of a literature review. These can be helpful references for structure, content, and formatting.
- Google Scholar is a good place to start for finding articles. I will discuss how to use it in class.

Basic Guidelines for One-Page Proposal

Write a one-page (or at least 300 word) proposal for your research project.

- The title of the paper should again be your research question.
- The first paragraph should identify the question and motivate the study—why is this interesting? What will it tell us that we don't already know?
- The remainder of the proposal should discuss your likely data source and methods. For the methods, you will want to talk about how your chosen method will help you address any endogeneity issues (if applicable).
- The methods section should include at least one equation that you will estimate as part of your paper. You should have plenty of examples from papers in class for how this is done.