

First Instalment of Research Paper.

Research question.

Are first-generation students at a higher risk of dropping out compared to their peers whose parents earned a degree?

Criteria

This assignment will be 3-5 pages (1-2 pages of literature review & 2-3 pages of theory with hypotheses) with 12-point font, double-spaced, and 1-inch margins. The page count does not include the bibliography/references and title pages

Literature Review

In at least one (1), at most two (2) pages, write a literature review. The literature review must contain at **least three (3)** peer-reviewed articles. You can use more articles if it will be helpful for you. You are expected to cite your peer-reviewed articles by using the APA style.

Tips:

- Remember, the literature review is a vetting/survey of the current state of knowledge concerning your research question:
 - Thus, let your research question guide you concerning the topics/key words you should be searching for.
- Avoid box-car method.
 - Organize the literature by its research questions, concepts, ideas, methods, and/or findings:
 - Compare and contrast the literature among these groupings.
 - Constructively state the strengths and weakness of these groupings.
 - Explain how your research fits into these groupings.
- Proof-read your work after writing it, and make sure that you are not plagiarizing.
- Every in-text citation must be listed in the references.

It should be about 1- 2 pages.

Theory & Hypotheses

Your theory is all about the *why* and *how* questions. In other words, what is the cause and effect relationship you are analyzing, and why do you think that there is a causal relationship between the concepts you choose to explain?

After you explain your theory, you should be able to clearly state your hypotheses.

It should be about 2- 3 pages.